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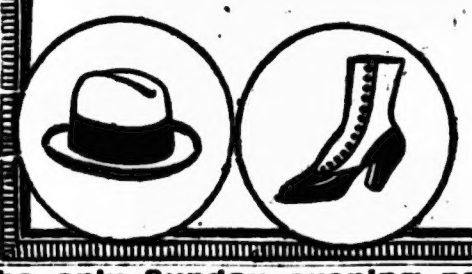

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"THE WORLD, THE FLESH, AND THE DEVIL."

[*The Editor discourses upon passing events and topics of the day.*]

A Government Shake-Up.

The Government had a bad time over the Amritsar affair, and was nearly brought to the ground by the attitude of our Sinn Fein Indian Secretary, Mr. Montagu. An adverse vote of 129, with only 230 in its favour, is the worst blow the Coalition has so far received. Montagu must go!

"Without Portfolio."

Mr. Bonar Law tells us that the duty of the Minister without Portfolio, Sir Worthington Evans, is to assist in carrying on the Government of the country. It would be interesting to know whether he has an office and a telephone, in order that he may be called up by any Public Department when his services are required.

Holland and the League.

Isn't it a farce that Holland, which is shielding the Kaiser from trial, should herself be a member of the League of Nations—formed to secure international justice and maintain the peace of the world?

Business Names Act.

What are the authorities doing to enforce the observance of this Act? Hundreds of trading tricksters are treating it with absolute defiance, and when attention is called to the fact all the Registrar does is to send them a friendly note.

Exhumation Squads.

It is good to learn that our recent protest against the instructions to remove in all cases where possible the boots of our dead heroes when transferring their bodies to new graves had the immediate effect of causing them to be cancelled. It was a ghoulish idea on the part of the War Office.

Military Prisoners in Germany.

We have secured an undertaking from the Foreign Office to inquire into the allegation that certain British subjects are still confined in German prisons in connection with alleged military offences against the enemy during the war. Not only must we search the pockets of the Hun, but equally his prisons.

A P.O. Clearing House.

From the Postmaster-General we have elicited the fact that there is at present no clearing house between Britain and any other country for the purpose of adjusting the cost of the international postal service, each nation taking the receipts for stamps on outward letters and delivering inward ones free of charge. Thus to-day Germans may flood this country with letters at the cost of about a farthing each for postage, whilst we have to pay 2½d. Come, Mr. Illingworth!

Bank Hours.

So we must put up with the present inconvenient hours, at any rate till the autumn. In the meantime, trade and business are handicapped—and ex-soldiers are looking for work!

The *Deutschland*.

After all, we hope to arrange, before it is finally broken up, for the exhibition of this vessel at the Isle of Man and Blackpool. The result of our negotiations with the Admiralty will be announced next week.

E.P.D.

Possibly by the time this issue is published, Mr. Chamberlain will have agreed to some modification in the Excess Profits Duty, which is having the most disastrous effect upon the trade of the country. We are carefully following the debates in Committee on the Finance Bill, and shall have something to say on the Report and Third Reading stages.

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More Hunnish Tricks.

According to the Berlin correspondent of the *Daily Express*, the Germans "have even gone so far as to steal Mr. Bottomley's idea of a 'business Government'"—and then comes this delicious addendum, "which is naturally rejected by all true politicians."

"The Great Illusion."

Mr. Norman Angell has been at it again, and he attributes the "crass absurdity of the wild talk about vast indemnities and so on" to a "rampageous public opinion," created by Lord Northcliffe and ourselves. We are glad to note that our influence has at last spread to France.

The Kaiser's Trial.

Mr. Lloyd George shields himself behind Holland's refusal to give up the Kaiser, and denies that any pledge was ever given to compel his surrender if he were in the hands of a neutral Power. Unfortunately the newspapers of the Election period are still available. "We will get him out!" exclaimed the Premier on November 29th, 1918, when a member of his audience called attention to the point.

"Sleep Well."

He was a fighter to the last. England will wait long to look upon another "Jacky" Fisher. R.I.P.

Togoland.

We have received a strong protest from the Togoland chiefs, demanding to be allowed to remain under British rule, and we commend their wishes to the sympathetic attention of the Supreme Council.

A Futile Tax.

We propose asking the Chancellor of the Exchequer what revenue he has so far received from the tax on petrol lighters, and how many prosecutions there have been in respect of the non-payment of such tax.

True Sports.

Congratulations to the members of the famous sporting rendezvous, the Victoria Club, on its subscription of well over two thousand pounds to the funds of St. Dunstan's. You can't beat sportsmen for true charity.

A Judge's Thanks.

Commenting on the inadequacy of the present facilities afforded to poor prisoners awaiting trial, Judge Atherley-Jones, at the last Old Bailey sessions, was good enough to refer with approval to our Public Defender Bill, describing us as "a much abused gentleman." But abuse is the fate of all reformers—as, indeed, this Judge well knows from the experiences of his distinguished father.

A Young Bencher.

Congratulations to Mr. Harold Smith, M.P., whose election as a Bencher of Gray's Inn, after having been "called" only ten years, and being still a Junior, constitutes a record in legal history. We believe he was in business for some seventeen years before going to the Bar, and no doubt the commercial experience thus gained, as in the case of the Lord Chief Justice, has stood him in good stead.

"Bottomleyotops."

In the *Bystander*, of June 30th, our friend, Capt. Bairnsfather, makes us the fourth of a series of sketches entitled "Outlines of *Future* History." Having dealt with the "larger monsters of the Casinozoic, namely, the Lloydgeorgeosaurus and the Churchillatops, the Asquithodon and the Northcliffosaurus," we are selected, under the description of "Bottomleyotops" as "the Super Man," who "could sharpen articles against the rocks of Fleet Street and hurl them at anybody within reach." It is good fooling.

Local Limerick.

(*At Marylebone a young man, who wanted a separation from his wife, told the Magistrate that he had loved her. Advised to go on doing so, he protested, "But she won't have it."*)

There's a Mary'bone man who found strife
In the midst of his young married life;
It was really absurd,
For the trouble occurred
When he tried to make love to his wife.

Verboten.

A Mons man was sent to a job at Millwall. Arriving there, he was told he could not start as he was not a member of the Boilermakers' Society. He said he would join if he had the job, but he was not given the chance. The man had only just left the Colours after serving seven years. Such treatment in such a case is a wicked shame.

Business and Bacon.

Now that control is off bacon and will soon be off cheese, ham and lard, it is timely to impress upon provision merchants that they should play the chance fair with the public. If every time control goes off prices go up because uncontrolled men are on the grab, there is certain to be a strong demand for re-control, and we shall help to vociferate it. If de-control is of advantage only to those out for plunder, then we say advisably it is of no use at all.

The New Buccaneers.

A flat in Drayton Gardens, South Kensington, was let at £147 per annum. A new tenant is sought, and the rapacious landlord asks a rent of £250 and a premium of £700. Occupiers of other flats have had notice to quit, so the game, evidently, is to be continued. But the Drayton Gardens buccaneer creates no record. He is beaten easily by an advert. in the *Scotsman*, of an "attractive residence" in Edinburgh, corner situation, 4 reception-rooms, 5 bedrooms, 1 servant's room. For that Aladdin's Palace in Auld Reekie the premium is £1,250. Will any Scot pay it?

A Cool Vicar.

The Rev. F. D. Sturgess, Vicar of Yiewsley, is undoubtedly a cool customer. He has sent round to the parents of the children attending the local Church schools a circular requesting a weekly contribution for repairs to the schools, such contribution to be entered in a list posted in the classroom. In these days it is probably as much as the parents can do to feed and clothe their children; that they should subscribe money to repair the school fabric is what the man in the street would call a bit off. The posting up of the names of subscribers is, too, very objectionable.

Unsuited.

By account of a temporary postman at Eltham, some of his class are grievously unsuited to their position. Appointed after leaving the Army without a pension, his grouse is that men who have never seen France and haven't been in the Post Office five minutes, in a manner of speaking, have been served with uniforms, while he and other temporaries have been informed they will not be provided with uniforms; though they have been measured for them. Thus they will have to wear out their own clothes on a job bringing them in £2 16s. 8d. a week. Mr. Churchill ought to be Postmaster General; then they would no doubt be officially attired in scarlet and gold.

Vacant.

"Onlooker" alleges that "opposite King's Cross railway station in W.C.1 stands a block of 26 houses or so, only two being occupied, though with repairs and a little decoration they are tenantable." Having published this news, let it be hereby understood that we do not hold ourselves responsible for any casualties arising out of a rush for the goods.

An Astounding Fine.

There is evidence that the new Stipendiary Magistrate of Middlesbrough is trying hard to make a name for himself. When George Stephenson, of Newport Road, appeared before him on two charges of indecently assaulting his two children, one aged 10 years and the other 12, he inflicted an astoundingly paltry fine of £20 and costs. How such a father must rejoice in such a Magistrate!

Mean.

A glaring example of mean stinginess is the refusal of the Ramsbury District Council to grant so much as a ha'penny to an eighty-four-year-old roadman who is retiring after serving half-a-century on the highways of the district. We have little doubt that if one of their chief officials had asked for a rise of salary the majority of these economists would have tumbled over each other to vote him the money.

Nurses Held Up.

Who is responsible for holding up the nurses of the 24th Stationary Hospital, Kantara, Egypt? They have been out there for nearly three years without home leave, and though they signed their demobilisation papers two months ago they are still held up. Plenty of boats leave for home, but "the berths are all taken by civilians and officers' wives who have only been out for the winter. The nurses are already in a poor state of health; to keep them at their posts of toil is a positive cruelty. These slaves of duty have well earned the right to be released at once.

Drink.

When recently a reader suggested that some shopkeepers were encouraging the sale of methylated spirit as a beverage, the charge was somewhat warmly denied by another reader, a shopkeeper himself. The latter must therefore be very shocked, not to say astonished, to learn that a Liverpool chemist, one William Henry Jackson, has been fined £75 for selling methylated spirit to women for drinking purposes. On three ounces of fire water supplied to one woman the man made a profit of 415 per cent. For unconscionable iniquity in the profiteering line this must be hard to beat.

Landladies.

A Rochdale reader, who says he knows something about landladies, strenuously denies that they are a profiteering folk. Supposing, he says, two people take one bedroom and sitting room for 34s. or 36s. a week, as "at 9 or 12 places locally." There is generally a cup of tea in bed at 8 a.m.; breakfast of porridge and bacon at 10 a.m.; dinner at 3 p.m. (joint three times a week); tea at 6 p.m.; and hot suppers in 9 cases out of 10—28 meals to cook in a week. There's the bed to make and room to tidy, the sitting room to keep straight, rates 19s. 6d. in the £, gas until midnight or 1 a.m.—but that's enough. We admit landladies don't profiteer; not at Rochdale.

A Receipt for Nothing.

For true politeness commend us to the gas officials at Ossett. One of them carefully read a resident's meter and found no gas had been consumed that quarter. In due course came a polite note from the Borough Treasurer enclosing (at a cost of a halfpenny stamp) an official receipt. It is a curiosity in its way:—"Gas ——." But it carries municipal courtesy to the point of extravagance.

Light on Light.

Waste on waste—here, there, and everywhere. On a reader returning from London to Didcot in the early hours of the morning, he noticed that in nearly every hut in that vast dump electric light was burning. It may be needful to have the main roads through the camp lit, but it is assuredly unnecessary for each pathway to be illumined by at least one lamp on every building.

Pensioned Poverty.

Our attention is again and again called to the poverty plight in which so many police pensioners and superannuated teachers find themselves as a result of the present high cost of living. They are on the border line of starvation, suffering grievous hardship. And the winter is before them. Cannot the Government save something out of their orgy of waste to give these old servants of the country a few shillings a week more?

Cuss Words.

The Lewisham schoolmaster who, at the Conference of the London Teachers' Association, wanted the L.C.C. to "enact a by-law making it a punishable offence for parents to use violent or abusive language to teachers while on the school premises," seems to have got a little out of his depth. It is already a punishable offence to utter any language calculated to lead to a breach of the peace—and, if it were not, the L.C.C. could not purify the speech of Lewisham by adopting a new by-law, since such regulation would have no legal effect unless endorsed by Act of Parliament.

How the E. P. D. Works.

When the war broke out, one of our readers owned a flourishing business in the Midlands. The war claimed his two sons and all his male employees for service; the Government withdrew from his hands certain goods in which he dealt, and what he *was* permitted to sell was at controlled prices. As a result, the years 1916-19 showed a deficit. However, his sons, demobilized in the first year after the war, turned the deficit into a credit balance. Of this the Government claim 60 per cent. as Excess Profits Duty, thus ignoring the loss in the lean years and leaving no reserve of capital.

Unsatisfactory Evidence.

When Mr. Henry Deards, an elderly coachman, was recently before the Croydon Magistrates on a charge of loitering for the purpose of betting, the police stated that he had received pieces of paper from two men. No betting slips or any other evidence of an incriminating nature was found on him when he was searched, and there was absolutely no evidence to show that he knew anything of racing, yet the Bench preferred to believe the statements of the police and fined him £10. We are glad to note that local sympathy expressed itself in a substantial way and that Mr. Deards is not out of pocket over the affair.

Local Limerick.

(At Clerkenwell County Court an undertaker pleaded that his takings were small; he had only one order in a fortnight, and, unfortunately for him, there was a slump in funerals.)

There's a sad undertaker whose cry
Is that funerals no one will buy;
The reason we give—
'Tis expensive to live,
But in these days it costs more to die.

Wealth and Wine.

Concerning our recent paragraph about an elementary schoolmaster condemned to live on a pension of 41s. a week, another retired schoolmaster says that would be affluence to most of his class. He retired through broken health in 1917, and was awarded a pension of £62 in 1918, after 43 years' service—38 as headmaster in Church of England and Council schools. We wonder what wine he takes with dinner.

Phew!

This is the sort of thing Messrs. Farebrother, Ellis & Co., Estate Agents of 29, Fleet Street, E.C., and 26, Dover Street, W., are out for. Replying to an inquiry for offices, they offered three basement rooms. "Certain tenant's fittings, counter, cupboards and linoleums, have to be taken over," they wrote. "The lease has about 2½ years to run. Rent £150 per annum. Premium £750." Phew! Isn't it hot?

Choused at Chelmsford.

Licensed victuallers of Chelmsford have twice asked the Magistrates for a small extension of hours on the weekly market day, and twice has the request been refused. Similar petitions at many other towns (notably at Ongar and Thaxted, smaller places with unimportant markets) have been granted, so Chelmsford feels itself under the claws of the Pussyfoot. The Magistrates say they have no power to grant any extension on a market day, but that must be bunkum, or else scores of Justices in other towns have seriously broken the law. Chelmsford beaks could—if they would.

Curiosity at Eastchurch.

Somebody at Eastchurch, professing to be in the know, presses us to ask some questions. One is: How many civilians are employed at the Aerodrome "doing no good beyond making tennis lawns, etc., etc.?"—whatever those etcetera may mean. Our correspondent says the civilians number nearly 140, compared with 100 soldiers. Passing over allegations of bribery—"to make the work last"—we come to the query: How much has been spent on the buildings, not one-tenth of which, we are told, are used, or likely to be used? The questions are interesting, and the answers might be more so.

"Sniping the Aged."

What Mr. G. Porter, of the Burntwood Parish Council, calls "sniping the aged" is the severe and often unnecessarily offensive cross-examination through which many Pensions Officers put applicants for National Old Age Pensions. A reader who has been subjected to this ordeal and refused pension on the ground that his income is over the limit, says that while he has to exist on an average of 6s. a week he knows of others with incomes nearly seven times greater than his own "getting their 10s." Strange, if true. Any Pensions Officers proved guilty of such brow-beating should be severely dealt with.

Too Bad of Tooting.

A number of Tooting ex-Servicemen earned an honest living before the war by trading in the streets, providing a cheap market for the local poor. Having served, their reward is to be forbidden to stand at the corners as before, having their barrows restricted to the by-streets, and no nearer than 200 yards from the main roads—right out of the current of trade.

Post Office Humour.

The funny ways of the Post Office are past counting, but they always try to go one better. An Anerley man sent four reply-paid telegrams to hotels in Italy. Eight days later he heard that one wire had gone no farther than the G.P.O., and was held up because it was directed to an hotel and not to a person. The other three, addressed in just the same style, had been delivered. That is the way the P.O. stultifies itself.

Land and Building.

Are local authorities unnecessarily breaking up allotments for building purposes? In many cases there is evidence that, though land could be acquired equally well within a stone's throw of the cultivated plots, they have been preferably taken in a spirit almost vicious. One example of this is King's Langley. Here, after the holders with years of labour have got their land in heart, they are told to clear out, though our information is that "there are acres in the vicinity only fit for building."

Crab Apples.

In the opinion of Lady Sydenham, "engaged couples should never go away together for holidays." At the very time in all the long year when the engaged could enjoy themselves the most, they are to be disengaged. "Six Business Girls" write to protest against this custom of the ancients. "Is there not as much temptation in lonely walks at home?" they answer. If engaged couples carried a maiden aunt about with them everywhere to play crab apple, romance would become too painfully proper for tolerance.

Cornering Cottages.

For cool cornering in cottages commend us to the audacious stunt of one C. Chipchase, of Tubwell Row, Darlington. In a circular he has issued to local property owners he offers from £10 to £20 "for key of any house or cottage to let." He says he requires no receipt; "will pay rent in advance and at a higher rent than allowed by the Act," and "will pay to any outgoing tenant, agent, or owner." "Keep this circular," he adds finally, "as offer remains open for the future." Obviously Chipchase is a house profiteer of the deepest dye.

Railway Extortions.

Some of the brilliant intellectuals in the service of the Transport Ministry might well direct their attention to the extortionate charges levied by railway companies for articles accompanying passengers. A reader who recently paid 9d. for a return ticket for a short journey on the Lancashire and Yorkshire was mulcted in 1s. 6d. for the conveyance of a baby's folding chair, which he carried himself. This company has made passengers pay an extra charge for being allowed to travel with a hand-camera, although it has not yet gone the length of demanding that smokers pay extra for the carriage of their pipes.

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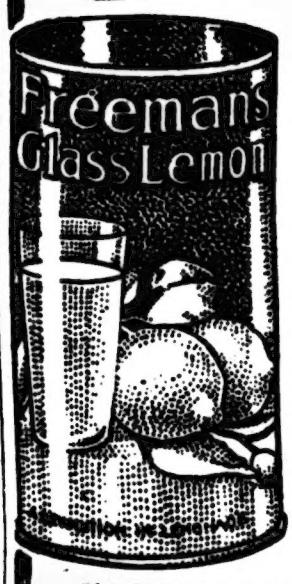

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To the Rt. Hon. A. H. Illingworth, P.C., M.P., Postmaster-General.

DEAR SUPER-POSTMAN,—Notwithstanding the increase in the cost of postage, the extra revenue raked in by your Department does not appear to have brought about any greater efficiency. What do you say to a letter taking from four to five days to reach Shoreham from Brighton—a distance of only six miles? And have you any observation to make with respect to one having taken eight days to travel from Hastings to Shoreham? Such inexplicable delays as these might easily involve heavy loss, not to say matters of life or death. There was a better service in the old coaching days. JOHN BULL.

To Mr. C. Reep, Relieving Officer to the Stonehouse Guardians.

DEAR SIR,—You are reported to have got right up on your hind legs a few days ago and uttered an indignant protest against the "interference" of the Civic Guild of Help in the business of your Board of Guardians. The Civic Guild was of opinion that 12s. 6d. was an inadequate weekly sum to be allowed to a consumptive patient with a wife and two children and a rent of 5s. weekly to pay. So am I. "I don't see why we are to be dictated to every week," you remarked. So long as you dole out such starvation relief, you must expect to be. JOHN BULL.

To the Venerable Archdeacon Wakeford, Stow, Lincolnshire.

DEAR ARCHDEACON,—Never argue with a policeman. When there is trouble and a constable and somebody else is in it, see all and say nowt, or it's long odds you'll be in it too before you can say your prayers. In your affair a woman played a banjo in the street after she had been ordered to move on, and when she was obdurate and got into the hands of the police you intervened in a spirit of Christian endeavour which no policeman would appreciate in the execution of his duty. I note Mr. Francis, the Westminster Magistrate, has announced that "the rev. gentleman did take an unnecessary step in doing what the police said he did." That, therefore, is what you get for your pains, Archdeacon—and thank the Lord that's all.

JOHN BULL.

To the Magistrates, Feltham.

GENTLEMEN,—I hear so often of undue leniency towards persons guilty of cruelty to animals that I am the more pleased to congratulate you on your firmness. For working a mare in an unfit state and beating it, you sent Frederick Stanning, of Teddington, to prison for a month. For allowing the animal to be worked, Charles Millert was fined £25 and £1 17s. costs, and deprived of the ownership. Both men had been previously fined in respect of the same animal, that being their third prosecution in ten months, so I echo your regret that the law prevented you from sending to gaol master as well as man.

JOHN BULL.

To the Chairman and Members, Dorset County Education Committee.

GENTLEMEN, — The school at Milborne St. Andrew is in an unhealthy position, and its drainage bad, while spring water rises under its boards. If proof be needed, remember an outbreak of diphtheria in the village, when 23 cases included a school teacher as well as children. The Rural Councillors have begged for a new school on a new site, but you actually propose to buy the present discredited and insanitary building. You have the opportunity to retire from a position of danger. Seize it. Do not throw away money upon a school that is a continual menace to the youngsters.

JOHN BULL.

To G. W. Humphreys, Esq., Chief Engineer and County Surveyor, London County Council.

DEAR FORTUNATUS,—You must possess the magic touch. As Engineer and Surveyor to the L.C.C. your salary is £2,000 a year. They have just doubled it by creating a new post, "Administrator of Housing Development Schemes," your wage for that spare-time job being another £2,000 poured into your accommodating lap. The Council's advertisements have been shrieking, "No new houses without new money!" and, as the money is beginning to come in, they are already spending it on fat jobs like yours. You are a man "they can trust," but there are very many trustworthy men idle after fighting. The action of the Council is an affront to London.

JOHN BULL.

To His Honour Judge Farrant, County Court, Hitchin.

DEAR JUDGE,—If you go on like this I shall begin to think you are some Judge. It's the first time I've heard of an occupant of the Bench doing the jazz and the fox-trot and the polka on scaffolding boards, in order to ascertain for himself whether they are sound. One of these days you'll probably have to settle a dispute about the songs which reach our hearts, and in that case I shall expect to hear of your grinding the handle of a street barrel-organ to ascertain where the sound comes from. Get along with your job in any case. You'll do.

JOHN BULL.

To Mrs. Garrett, of Anerley.

DEAR MRS. GARRETT,—Congratulations on your 103rd birthday, the more and the merrier because I have the impression that I wrote to congratulate you when you were 102. In any case, I hope to have the pleasure of wishing you many happy returns when you are 104. Meanwhile, have a really good time. In one of his books Dizzy, who of course you will recall, says that youth is a blunder, manhood a struggle, and old age a regret—a cynical assertion that on the whole life isn't worth the living. I trust you have not found that, but still enjoy "old age serene and bright." For whom do you intend to vote at the next General Election?

JOHN BULL.

To the Chairman, Camberwell Board of Guardians.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN,—In its infinite wisdom, the Board has just been pleased to decide that the nurses in the Infirmary are not to be accorded the privilege of playing lawn tennis on Sunday afternoons, although the doctors are graciously permitted to enjoy that pastime. I take it that this decision is not due to any narrow spirit of Sabbatarianism, since the nurses are allowed to while away their Sunday leisure in going to the "pictures," playing cards, or even smoking. It seems, therefore, that the Board is really setting up a caste distinction. Such a policy is especially regrettable when it leads to discrimination against deserving and hard-worked members of the community. JOHN BULL.

THE SKIN GAME.

THE "TUG" WHEN USURER MEETS USURER.

Even a moneylender's impudence usually has its limits, but there seems to be no restraint on the shamelessness of one Henry Rothfield, who practises the "skin game" on his brother usurers as well as on his clients. Rothfield entered into a joint agreement with seven other money-lenders, under which an Edinburgh debtor undertook to set aside £300 a year of his income in settlement of their claims. It was an essential feature of this agreement that all the eight should be on the same footing, but Rothfield went behind the backs of the other seven, and induced the debtor to make a special agreement for the quicker payment of the debt to him. Default was made under this "secret treaty," so Rothfield obtained a judgment, but it was set aside by a higher Court. Thereupon, he actually appealed to the House of Lords, on the ground that the agreement which he had entered into with his brother-moneylenders was "illegal and fraudulent." The Upper House very rightly dismissed his appeal, which Lord Dunedin described as "unparalleled impudence." The case escaped the notice of the daily Press, so we have much pleasure in rectifying the omission.

DEPRIVED OF HER BABY.

NURSING MOTHER'S HARSH TREATMENT.

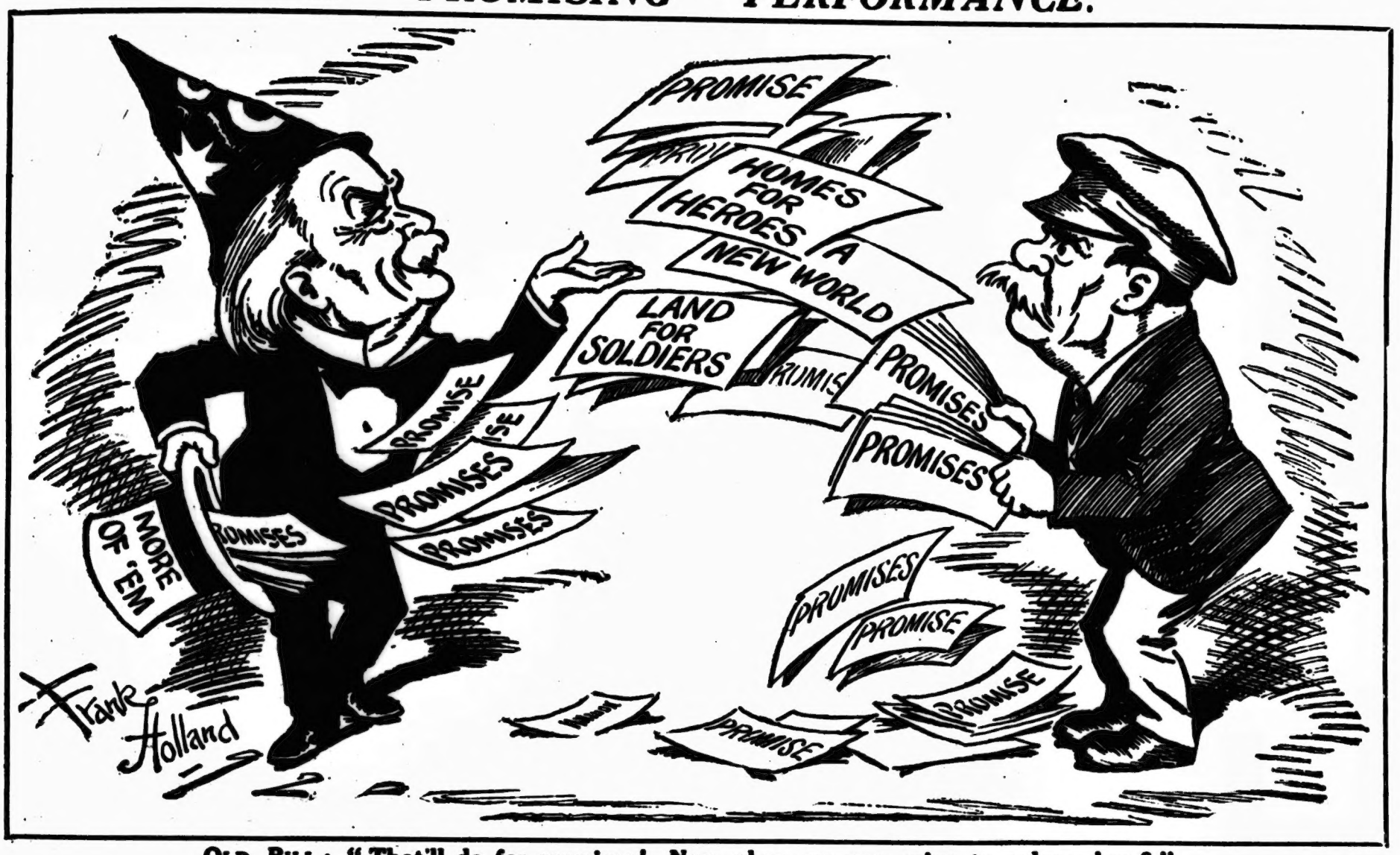
There is a poor woman, but loving mother, an inmate of the Gordon Road Institution (otherwise Union or Workhouse), Peckham. With her was her babe, and she, being a real mother, fed the infant at her breast instead of trusting to the bottle in the way that is far too common. But baby developed whooping cough and was quickly taken away to the Havil Street Infirmary. To the mother's grief and amazement, she was not allowed to accompany her child, which will be debarred from its best and purest sustenance and must become a "bottle baby." The poor mother writes that "such a thing ought not to be allowed, to snatch such young babies from their mothers, who have sufficient to feed them." Her opinion will be cordially shared by many, if not all, outside parish institutions with their cast-iron and repressive rules. To take a child from its mother's breast in such circumstances seems the reverse of humanity and needlessly, harshly cruel to both infant and mother. A national injury, too, is being done by such treatment in these days when every young healthy Briton is a priceless asset to the State.

A SOLDIER'S HOME.

ORDERED TO QUIT TO MAKE WAY FOR A GERMAN.

At the Moot Hall Police Court, Newcastle, an ex-soldier, George Watson, was ordered to be cast forth. His landlady is a Mrs. Bower, who said she wanted the premises because her husband is coming home. Asked "Where from?" she replied "From Germany." The said husband is a German who, at the outbreak of the war, elected to be deported instead of being interned. The house is at Lemington, a prohibited area out of which Mrs. Bower, the German's wife, was ordered to move. Watson is a joiner, and the premises include a large yard where he stores his ladders and tools. The "alternative accommodation" offered him, as a kind of grotesque compliance with the law, is a flat, three miles away from his trade connections and utterly inadequate to his needs. But the Bench, in face of the facts, made the Order we have chronicled, and George Watson is supposed to vacate in 30 days his trade premises and the home of his wife and family. And why? Simply because a smug and complacent German now finds it convenient and desirable to come "home" again!

A "PROMISING" PERFORMANCE.



OLD BILL: "That'll do for promises! Now when are you going to redeem 'em?"
THE WELSH WIZARD: "My dear sir, this performance has no redeeming feature!"

UNION JACK OR RED FLAG?

ISLINGTON'S UNPATRIOTIC COUNCILLORS.

The average British working man is a patriot—despite those who misrepresent him—and we are sure he will indignantly repudiate the sentiments expressed by the "Labour" members of the Islington Borough Council. This body recently had before it a resolution that the Union Jack be hoisted at the Town Hall "only on such occasions as the Council may from time to time determine." From the very full report of the debate on the motion published in the *Islington Chronicle*, it is clear that the proposal merely camouflaged a desire to abolish the National Flag altogether. Councillor Careswell, the mover of the resolution, elegantly pointed out that "If Lenin came over here, it might be expedient to hoist the Red Flag," and Councillor Richardson, who seconded, said: his reason for so doing was that "the country had dishonoured itself."

Councillor Bennett proposed an amendment, that the Union Jack should be flown upside down, and Mrs. Miriam Price hoped that "some day when they had a complete Labour Council" (there are still some lovers of their country on that body) "the Red Flag would be flown from the Town Hall." Eventually the resolution was carried by 34 votes to 14, and it is clear from the whole tone of the debate that, as was said by Councillor Saint, one of the patriotic minority, the "resolution had been very skilfully framed to hide the real purpose which underlay it—that of hatred of the Union Jack." The best thing that these Islington lovers of Lenin could do would be to join the object of their admiration.

BOUNCE AT BEXHILL.

LIBRARIAN AS AUTOCRATIC CENSOR OF MORALS.

For really offensive high-and-mightiness commend us to Mr. William Reed-Lewis, the Librarian at the Roman Catholic Library, Bexhill-on-Sea. The Divorce Law Reform Union recently asked this Mandarin whether its publications could be placed at the disposal of visitors to the Library. This was the reply:

> I will not "allow the literature of your Union to lie in the Library." I entirely agree with you that "it is necessary for the country to understand the terms of the Bill and the exact meaning of the controversy." This was once a Christian country and marriage was considered a Christian institution. When it is understood that your Union wishes to make it possible for people living in adultery to be considered married, then the exact meaning of the controversy will be evident enough. *It is only necessary to look over the names at the head of your paper to see how important it is for some of them that this misconception of marriage should be bolstered up.* . The Law should protect men and women entering into a contract with the deliberate purpose of its being a life contract, but this being an entirely pagan country, I personally do not see why the pagan population should be debarred from a law which would enable them to use their own peculiar methods of living, which are unknown to the Christian code.

It will be seen that Mr. Reed-Lewis makes a scandalous and libellous accusation against the distinguished Vice-Presidents of the Union. That can be left to the Union itself, but it seems pertinent to remind this offensive individual that the Bexhill Library is partly supported by public funds voted by the Local Council, and the ratepayers have a right to hear all sides on a matter of national importance.

A PROMISING DISCOVERY.

JIM SLATER, OUR MIDDLE-WEIGHT BOXER.

Jim Slater, the young Black Country boxer who is now being trained at Herne Bay by Mr. Hales, was discovered by him a few months ago at the pit's mouth, when he started his search for JOHN BULL champions. A quiet lad, with no froth about him, the Black Country boy is a shade over one-and-twenty. As one of his pit friends put it, he's "Game as a bull-pup." Jim had proved his metal in many a tough match with the knuckles against other pit lads. He was a splendid model of a raw, untrained athlete, eleven stone four pounds in weight, five feet seven and a half inches, in height, a superb chest, long sinewy arms, big powerful thighs and great calves. Were he two inches taller, he would have been the perfect middleweight. When he pulled on the gloves, Mr. Hales found him full of faults; his left hand was no good, but he had a right smash for the jaw that would "rock a house." He is tremendously strong, cool as snow, steady as fate—and relentless as a wolf. Whether Jim Slater will ever make a "good boxer" is doubtful. He has no tricks, but he will probably beat more champions than will ever beat him. He will be fighting strongly and sternly when the "dancing masters" are looking sick and sorry. For the first time in his life he is being properly trained. Even now he would take some beating, and we look to him to bring home one of the championships that have gone abroad. He has won several fights in the provinces, breaking the jaw of one six-foot opponent and dislocating the jaw of another. A cleaner, fairer fighter never existed; a braver never drew breath.

MY REPLY TO LADY ASTOR.

HER CANTING ATTITUDE TOWARDS THE BRITISH LAWS OF DIVORCE.

By HORATIO BOTTOMLEY.

MORE than two months ago I ventured to criticise the public acts of Lady Astor since she was honoured by Plymouth in being returned as the first woman member to the House of Commons, and not only to compare them with certain of her public utterances, but with her personal conduct in the matter of divorce. I could have raised these questions, and should have been quite within my right in so doing, in the House of Commons. But a member, as Lady Astor has come to realise, can say anything in Parliament, not only in criticism but in abuse, and under what is known as "privilege" be immune from any legal consequences of his or her words—whereas outside Parliament he or she stands in the position of the ordinary citizen, subject to the law of libel. I preferred not to shelter myself under the immunity which Parliament offers, but to state openly in these columns why I thought Lady Astor had failed to maintain the best traditions of the Mother of Parliaments.

A BELATED "REPLY."

It is now two months since my article was published; and at last the Member for Plymouth has seen fit to make a reply. But in what does that reply consist? Ignoring my charges of inconsistency in regard to Pussyfoot, she confined her "explanation" at the annual meeting of the Unionist Association at Plymouth to an attempt to describe the methods she herself adopted—and, may I say, was, under American law, quite within her rights in adopting?—to rid herself of a husband she regarded as unfitted to remain in marital relations with her. But so far as I can judge, from what appears to be a verbatim report of her speech, she offered no answer to the specific charges of inconsistency I ventured to make.

What I endeavoured to show—and I know from the sheaves of letters I have received and from the remarks of the majority of my fellow members in the House I succeeded in showing—was that Lady Astor is profoundly ignorant of the principles of our public life, and that what might be good enough for the American House of Representatives is not good enough for the British House of Commons.

With such sources of information as are at my disposal, I demonstrated the inconsistency of Lady Astor obtaining divorce in a State where the marriage laws are admittedly lax even for America, and yet taking the earliest opportunity in the House of Commons of delivering a homily against granting English women any new grounds for severing the marriage tie. And in proof of my contention I quoted from the *New York Herald*, of February 5th, 1903, a newspaper of the highest standing which I ventured to describe as "*The Times* of America." And in order to refresh the memory of Lady Astor, I quote it again, just explaining that Mrs. N. W. L. Shaw, is now the member for Plymouth.

> *"Charlottesville, Virginia, Wednesday. Secrecy which has attended the proceedings of the divorce suit of Mrs. N. W. L. Shaw against R. G. Shaw, of Boston, was maintained when the decree was entered to-day, and Mrs. Shaw was granted custody of the child. When there was no one in the Court House except the Court's officials and Mr. Daniel Harmon, representative for Mrs. Shaw, the Plaintiff, the matter was submitted, and the decree of divorce awarded. Mr. Herrick, Attorney for Robert Gould, was not present, nor was Mrs. Shaw. The latter, accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Chiswell D. Langhorne, and her youngest sister, sailed Wednesday for Europe. At the beginning of the divorce proceedings, the single allegation upon which Mrs. Shaw relied* WAS *desertion, and it remained the only contention until after a conference in New York, in January, between the legal representatives of each family. Then divorce was sought on statutory grounds. All the circumstances point to willingness on the part of both parties to separation. Mr. Shaw went to Europe "to make things easy." No evidence of a demand for alimony is to be found in the papers in the case, and if one was made, and finally acceded to, it was in the nature of a private arrangement outside of Court.*

Lady Astor now denies the truth of those statements, and tells the Unionist Association of Plymouth that while she never wanted a divorce at all, she never intended to take proceedings on the grounds of desertion. Moreover, it was her then husband's lawyer, "in the interests of his own client," who "insisted on preserving a position which enabled a divorce to be obtained even on grounds of desertion when the time limited by Virginian law for divorce on that ground had run out." I have given the best attention I can to that statement and I confess that while I have been credited with possessing some knowledge of the laws of England, if the foregoing is a statement of the law "way down Virginia," then I'm beat.

"LYING LOW" AND DOING "NUFFIN'."

Now, as I have said, I know little of the laws of America, and little of the value which prominent persons in the States attach to their personal honour. But I can imagine no graver charge than that clearly implied by a responsible newspaper—and there *are* responsible newspapers in the United States—of collusive divorce. If it were made in this country, and it was false, an action for libel would lie, and if a verdict was obtained it would carry with it substantial damages. On the other hand, if the charge was sustained, there is a legal gentleman known as the King's Proctor who would speedily intervene and withdraw from the parties the freedom they have so dishonestly gained.

Perhaps the next time Lady Astor makes a public statement, and imputes unworthy motives to those who resent her inconsistencies as an M.P. and a public woman, she will tell the Unionist Association of Plymouth what steps she took to contradict the foul calumny upon her good name published in the *New York Herald*—whether she demanded an apology from "*The Times* of America" for statements so grossly libellous as that "the single allegation upon which Mrs. Shaw [now Lady Astor] relied *was* desertion and it remained the only contention until after a conference in New York in January between the legal representatives of each family. Then divorce was sought on statutory grounds," and "Mr. Shaw went to Europe 'to make things easy.'"

Now I am quite prepared to acquit Lady Astor of any knowledge of the laws of the country of her birth, and if she chooses to represent me as involved in some deep conspiracy to discredit her she is welcome to whatever satisfaction she can get out of the charge. And I am the more ready to allow the lady a certain amount of latitude because it is quite evident she thought that, having divorced her first husband, she was permitted in every book of reference in this country—*Burke's Peerage*, *Who's Who*, for instance—to describe herself as a widow. There is many an honest wife in this country who, denied the privilege of re-marriage—and to a millionaire—would gladly regard herself as a widow in the eyes of the law—as one who for all time was as free of a dishonouring husband as if he were dead—if she could claim the right to snatch some of the happiness hitherto denied her by marrying again.

A CASE FOR THE PHARISEES.

Within the last few days we have had in a London police court a pitiful instance of the operation of our existing Divorce laws, and a striking commentary on the need for permitting a woman long deserted by her husband to claim her freedom—a freedom which Lady Astor has had the temerity to stand up in the House of Commons and deny to the British women for whom she pretends to speak. For seven long years a husband had deserted his wife for another woman—for seven long years the mother tended her children, and recently she "gave her love" to another man—a terrible sin readily denounced by our smug female moralists. But see what follows. So soon as the husband hears that his wife has made a slip, he demands that the children she has tended with all a mother's care shall be given up to him—the seven years' deserter from the domestic hearth. And when the distracted mother applies to the Magistrate for help she is told, with all the coldness that the law can command, "You have forfeited your right to the children and you have no claim on your husband, although he may have done what you have done." Does Lady Astor know the agonising sorrow of many a British wife who has found herself in much the same position as the unhappy creature who appealed for justice, only to be turned empty away? If she does not, I do; and whatever her opinion of me and my criticism of her inconsistencies may be, I shall continue to plead for some of the freedom for unhappy wives which she secured under the laws of the State of Virginia. To every sentence of my original article I adhere, and my last words to the Member for Plymouth are these: If you have any just cause of complaint, the Courts are open to you.

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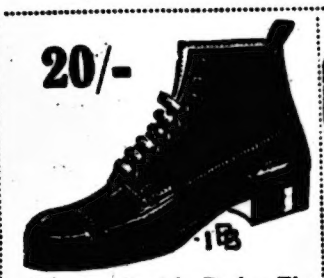

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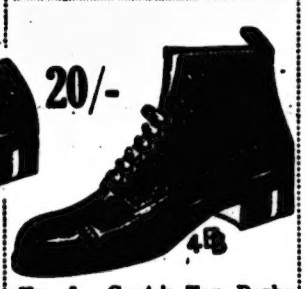

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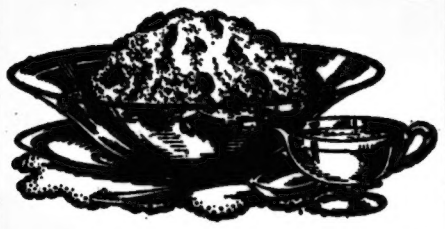

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THE SILENT SUFFERERS.

INTERESTING MEMORANDA FOR THE MIDDLE-CLASSES.

AN elastic, and misleading term is the "New Poor," appropriated to themselves by wealthy people, who now have to curtail their expenses, reduce their staff of servants, and, for the first time in their lives, learn to practise economy in every direction—in food and drink, clothes, entertaining, holidays, pleasures. For most of them it is a very wholesome experience.

The "Real" Poor.

But the term is also applied to the educated and hardworking "middle classes," who never have been even comparatively wealthy, and who now, ground between the upper and nether millstones of heavy taxation, and ever-increasing prices of the sheer necessaries of life—while their incomes remain stationary or diminish—are to-day the poorest of the poor.

The Housewife's Burden.

Never before has the burden of the middle-class housewife been so heavy, and it is daily increasing. For her the problem is not one of doing without a certain number of servants, or of evening gowns, but of providing, week by week, the bare necessaries of life and decency of her household. When there is also a small family of young children to be reared, the task seems more than the bravest can manage.

Doing Without.

There are many things in which economy can be effected only by "doing without." At present meat is the principal food thus barred to the really poor, for the "cheap" foreign is still, as a rule, so bad as to be dear at any price, while the fresh now available is absolutely prohibitive.

Concerted Action.

As we cannot do without everything permanently, swift and concerted action should be taken by consumers against these profiteering prices, by the only method that seems effective—refusing to pay them, and thus forcing a loss on the vendors at any rate—though so far as meat is concerned, the butchers are not to blame. But such action can be taken successfully only if well-to-do housewives join the poorer ones in a deliberate temporary "boycott" of special commodities. The plan has been carried out with excellent results in several provincial places. London and suburban housewives should also try it!

Caste in the Villages.

Apropos of snobbishness, gentlewomen who as the result of diminished incomes are obliged to live in country cottages, are often finding themselves social pariahs. The "county" does not call on them; they have nothing in common with the enriched war profiteers, and it is not altogether easy to establish contact with the real cottager class. The war which was going to end war was also going to abolish caste distinctions. It did so to some extent in the trenches, but it has not done so at home—where breeding is negligible compared with the prestige accorded by a Rolls-Royce or a dog collar of pearls.

Vanishing Hospitality.

One result of the war has been to render us less hospitable. Too many households frankly cannot afford to entertain nowadays, even on the most modest scale. The passing of sham hospitality and of ostentation beyond the means of host and hostess will be regretted by nobody, but there is something very deplorable in the enforced disappearance of that social intercourse and good-fellowship which did so much to sweeten life. We have to think twice in these times of Peace, when a bottle of ale is as costly as decent pre-war claret.

THE BURDEN OF THE SEASON TICKET HOLDER.

Does the Silent Section of the community realise precisely how hard it is already being hit, and how much more it is to be burdened, by higher railway fares?

The working man, whose wages have increased to keep pace with the cost of living while the income of the professional classes and the clerical workers has not, still enjoys his pre-war "workmen's fares" introduced to meet a justified demand, which permit him to travel for as little as a tenth of a penny per mile. On the other hand, the "black-coated brigade," whose labour is mental and not manual, pay a nominal increase of 50 per cent. on their railway journeys, and will soon be called on to pay more.

A Legitimate Claim.

The bulk of season ticket holders are men and women of moderate means, whose choice of a residential locality is governed to no small extent by the cost of daily travel to and from their offices or places of business. If the cost of a ticket to the seaside goes up, the intending holiday maker can adjust matters by travelling to a resort nearer to his home, and can save money by patronising the South Coast in preference to Cornwall. But the season ticket holder has no similar method of meeting an increased rate, which is equivalent to an addition to his rent. Moreover, season ticket holders, who pay the railway companies over £8,000,000 a year—a vast sum on which the companies have the privilege of enjoying interest, since the money is paid down in advance—can legitimately claim some measure of preferential treatment over the casual traveller.

Dishonest Camouflage.

Until quite recently—and it is pertinent to bear this point in mind—the railway companies recognised the claim of the season ticket holder to preferential treatment, on the ground that he was *obliged* to travel and that his "season" represented a business expense. Thus, when the 50 per cent. increase was made on ordinary fares season tickets were especially exempted, and no increase was made until a few months before the Armistice. Then the addition was justified on the specious plea that it would help to discourage unnecessary travel—and, in particular, that it would prevent the flooding of the countryside and of seaside and river resorts by moneyed alien bomb-dodgers.

But, as in the case of the 50 per cent. increase, the public very soon learned that the higher season ticket rates, originally and ostensibly introduced to check travelling as a wartime measure only, were necessary for revenue purposes and had to be maintained in perpetuity. Now the railway companies and Sir Eric Geddes intend to give the screw several additional turns.

Breaking the Camel's Back.

The Ministry of Transport, with its hordes of highly-paid officials, and the railway companies own experts, can surely devise a means of raising additional revenue without having to place still further burdens on the most overtaxed section of the community. The general managers should certainly be able to think out a less oppressive method for raising a sum which, when all is said and done, will suffice only to pay the railway wages bill for a single week in the year.

A witness has just stated in the Law Courts that people are so "tight of money" that the sale of boots is dropping. Plainly, people must buy boots—if they can. But note this further from the witness: The reduced demand is tending to reduce the price! So a "boycott" strike *is* possible. And here you have another case where the use of the weapon was deliberate: "A very big firm of wholesale meat purveyors at Smithfield has decided to reduce all prices of home-killed beef and mutton"—the prices of which had soared so swiftly when the market was de-controlled. "The butcher is driven to it by the public not buying the meat." Doing without has beaten the butchers.

Souls or Bodies?

"There are clergymen in London earning less than Kensington dustmen." Yet at a great Church meeting held at the Albert Hall men and women, in an ecstasy of sacrifice, offered money, cheques, jewels as contributions towards a huge fund—for what? *For Missionary work abroad.*

Why Not Organise?

The middle-classes are still the greatest in numbers, possess the bulk of the brains, and foot the greater portion of the national bill. And yet, in these days of constant organisation on the part of Capital and Labour, the middle-classes help towards their own destruction by failing to make their voice heard and ensure self-protection. And, after all, there is a Middle-Classes Union!

No Spare Cash.

It is not surprising that Alderman Oakley, "Father" of the Luton Corporation, failed to support the Mayor's Housing Bond appeal at a town's meeting. He refused to ask people to do what he was not doing himself. As he said: "I cannot take up Housing Bonds. What little spare cash I used to have now goes in income tax." How many thousands are in like case!

Scholastic Snobbishness.

Our schoolmasters could help if they were not so eaten up with snobbishness. Headmasters still demand that their pupils be provided with an outfit of pre-war dimensions, careless of the fact that prices have increased three or fourfold in six years. There are thousands of parents to whom the presenting of a bill for a hundred pounds to equip a son on entering school is a veritable tragedy.

Paying Patients.

A doctor's bill, however moderate, runs up alarmingly, and is a grave consideration to many a middle-class household. Why don't they use the hospitals? The reason is that the middle-classes have an instinctive dislike of getting something for nothing, of taking anything which savours of charity. But the decision of the London Hospital to make its patients pay suggests a solution of the problem. Why should not *all* the hospitals set aside paying wards for middle-class patients. It would relieve many minds of a load of care induced by the ever-present thought which arises: What shall I do if ——?

Pity the Retired.

To be a professional man is to-day in too many instances to be a poor man. Take the case of those who saved enough to retire on—say, what in pre-war days was the handsome income of £1,000 a year. As Mr. G. R. Sims pointed out the other day, that £20 a week has now practically been reduced to £8, while the rates which were in happier days just a few shillings in the £1, have gone up to fifteen or even to twenty shillings. And the Squander Government is mainly responsible!

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WHILST the Great War was on, we were told that we were fighting to rid Europe, once and for ever, of the menace of German militarism, and to make the world safe for Democracy. With that object in view we shed the blood of our best, with the result that to-day a million British lads are sleeping their everlasting sleep, and another million—maimed, blinded, limbless—are stalking the land, a piteous spectacle in the eyes of God, who made them in His image! We poured out, too, of our treasure, and in the Great Adventure cast the die of our ancient heritage as Mistress of the Seas, our commercial supremacy in the markets of the world, and even the diadem of our Empire glory. And when it was all over and peace was at last declared, our duty, of course, was to repair the ravages of the war, to re-transform our munition factories to purposes of peaceful commerce, to restore the fighting forces to their civil occupations, and generally to put our house in order. This duty we all understood; but by way of giving us a fillip, the Prime Minister, in one of those poetic outbursts born of the Welsh hills, adjured us to make Britain a land "fit for heroes to live in." That, of course, was a more or less insular limitation of the great purpose of the conflict—namely, the securing of a permanent World Democracy—but it was a legitimate reminder that the blessings of Peace following the sacrifices of War should, like charity, begin at home.

Worth its Cost and Suffering?

And so we set about the great task of recasting the face of Britain—the ultimate objective being, I presume, to throw aside all the shams and hypocrisies and hardships of those latter days and to get back to Merrie England. In that spirit and with that determination, people could be heard in the market-places and elsewhere declaring that, after all, the war might prove to have been worth its cost and suffering; and with that confidence born of an all-enduring Faith they were content to "give up" the riddle of its tragedy and their own personal anguish, on the theory that God moves in a mysterious way His wonders to perform. Well, it is getting on for two years since the joyous maroons boomed forth the news that the enemy had capitulated, and we shall soon be upon the second anniversary of the ever-memorable day upon the first of which, in November last, at the King's suggestion, the nation stood still with bowed heads for a few minutes' contemplation and spiritual communion. Now all this sounds very beautiful and poetic, but we are living in a world of grim reality, and I want my readers this week to ask themselves what progress we have made towards that Utopia for which the Premier bade us strive. Is the world at large—is Britain—is the Empire—one whit the better in any respect for the sacrifice of that life and treasure which was gladly made as the price of our ransom from the old order of things? Is the country more contented, more prosperous, than it was before the war? Are trade and commerce making satisfactory recovery? Are the burdens upon the shoulders of the people lighter?

Some Pertinent Questions.

Again I ask: Is employment more plentiful? Are our liberties less circumscribed? Are the children better educated and cared for? Are the homes of the workers more decent in character? Are politics a purer thing? Is Government more efficient and more honest? Are strife and schism and discord less rampant? Are the Churches and Chapels more tolerant one towards the other? Are the various races of which the British Empire is composed more loyal to the King and more reconciled to our rule? Are the relations between Capital and Labour better? Is class-hatred less? And so I could go on, but let us come down from generalities to definite facts, and take a few instances to enable us to answer at least some of the questions I have enumerated. Take Ireland. Has there ever been a more appalling state of things in our history? The country is one seething mass of rebellion and sedition. The life of no official, of no poor honest policeman, is safe. Forty murders have been committed within the last few months and only one arrest has been effected. The authority of the King is flouted, the Sinn Feiners have set up courts of their own, and British rule has broken down—absolutely and completely. Despite this state of things, however, the Government goes on wasting day after day in forcing through Parliament yet one more Home Rule Bill, which nobody wants and which cannot possibly be put into effective operation. The bulk of the present Irish M.P.s are Sinn Feiners and they treat Parliament with scorn and contempt, declining to take the oath of allegiance or in any way to recognise its authority. And a large and ever-increasing military force has to be kept in the country for the maintenance of order. That, then, is the condition of things on our own shores. Yet many a gallant Irish soldier fell in the war! Can we wonder if at any rate *their* bereaved relatives are asking, Was it worth while? And can we wonder that those who came safely back to Ireland, finding themselves boycotted and shunned on all hands, have been driven into the ranks of the Sinn Feiners and are now the sworn enemies of the Empire for which they fought? At any rate, then, no one will suggest that Ireland is a land fit for heroes to live in!

The Meaning of Amritsar.

Now let us cast our eye further over the horizon and consider the condition of things in our Indian Empire. I am no alarmist, but it has been my duty recently to look somewhat fully into Indian affairs—and I affirm without any kind of qualification that the Indian Government and our Government at home are sitting on the edge of a volcano; at any moment it may belch forth its seditious lava. Of course this lamentable situation is to a large extent the outcome of pernicious propaganda, which the Government has taken no proper steps either to suppress or counteract. Indeed, it is one of the tragedies of the situation that the present Secretary of State, Mr. Montagu, is immersed in Indian Sinn Fein—or, at any rate, professes to be. He claims with pride the personal friendship of the chief organiser of recent disturbances, Mr. Gandhi, and he coquettes with Mrs. Besant and other mad visionaries of her type; then on the top of it we have the Parliamentary Labour Party complaining that he does not sufficiently put into action his professions of sympathy with native aspirations! I listened to his speech during the Amritsar Debate. It was a deplorable performance. Instead of being the solemn and judicial pronouncement of a statesman, it was the harangue of a wild fanatic; and when it reaches India it will undoubtedly have the effect of giving an immense impetus to that ridiculous agitation for Home Rule, for which the native population is no more fitted at present than is Mr. Montagu for high political office. One statement was made in the course of the Debate and went unchallenged. It was to the effect that if a plebiscite were taken of the Indian population to-day for or against continuing under British rule, there would be an overwhelming hostile vote—and yet we have Mr. Montagu mouthing about treating the natives as our brothers and partners, and breaking on the wheel a distinguished and gallant officer who at a moment of great emergency saved us from another mutiny, on the ground that he fired a few more rounds of ammunition upon a seditious crowd after ample warning than, in the opinion of this self-sufficient, armchair Downing Street Minister, was absolutely necessary. It is all a sorry business, and, as in the case of Ireland, we have to grapple with yet another problem of British rule where it is not wanted and to be on our guard against the beginning of the disintegration of the Empire. At any rate, no one would contend to-day that India, with its seething unrest, is "a land fit for heroes to live in!" Without desiring to assume, by way of a change, the role of pessimist, I am bound to say that the situation in Egypt is far from satisfactory. There, too, we have our Home Rule agitators,

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with sympathisers over here in Parliament, and the utmost tact will be required if serious trouble is to be avoided. Unfortunately, there has grown up in the minds of all these native populations the idea that Britain had definitely accepted the silly dictum of President Wilson about self-determination, and that they have only to agitate enough—*and to commit crimes enough*—to obtain some visionary form of political autonomy which, as in the case of Russia, would mean their own undoing. And of Russia what can one say? Was there ever a picture more appalling than that of this great, fertile, and mineral country in the throes of anarchy—being gradually burned to death by the consuming flames of just that kind of liberty and freedom for which Ireland, India and Egypt are asking? Is there no great Imperialist statesman amongst our ranks capable of instilling the true spirit of Empire—Freedom, Justice and Protection for all—into the minds of the misguided millions who are at present following the Red Flags of the world? I have said nothing about Africa—where I am hoping for the best; and I have purposely refrained from commenting upon the strange relations at present subsisting between the Allies themselves. I am hopeful that the exchange of views now taking place may result in a better understanding—and, above all things, I trust that the claws of Germany will be finally cut. Personally I am far from satisfied that she is playing the game. I believe she is concealing both her military and her financial strength; but with the French Prime Minister on the war-path, she should soon be brought to her senses. As it is, we are showing far too much leniency towards her. If it be true that her Government is powerless to carry out the obligations of the Peace Treaty, then there should be an Inter-Allied military mission to take charge of the country and collect its revenues until the Indemnity is paid in full, and all power for further mischief has been finally destroyed.

Is England "The Land"?

Now let us see whether England itself is quite the kind of land "fit for heroes to live in." First, what of its Liberty, its Freedom? What, think you, must be the feelings of the soldier who went out at the beginning of the war, and having successfully faced its peril comes home to find that he has been fighting for a Prussianised England? Swipes for beer, coloured water for whisky—with strictly limited hours during which, at ruinous prices, he may take a glass of either—whilst if he dares to buy a box of chocolates for the wife or kiddies after eight o'clock at night he will be liable to be run in by the nearest policeman! And if he goes to the Pictures or the theatre he has to pay a tax on his ticket! Then when he applies to his old employer for his former job he is told it is no longer open—probably it is now filled by a girl or young woman. His railway fare is nearly double what it was; his rent and his food have undergone a similar rise. And the things we promised him when he joined up! The other day I received the following letter from such a man: "I am one of those whom you sent out to the front. It was at your big meeting at the London Opera House that I and my pal (he was blown to pieces by a shell within a few yards of me, poor devil!) gave in our names. Well, I have got a copy of your speech, and I should like you to see the things you promised us! And now here I am, unable to get a job, with a wife and two kiddies to keep, and dependent upon State charity for a hand-to-mouth existence—not a decent drink to be had and everything *verboten*; I'm damned if I would have gone had I known!" Now I don't like receiving a letter of that kind—it leaves a nasty lump in the throat. It was from another soldier, too, that I got the deliciously apt phrase—"The Mug's Millennium." Who can quarrel with it? But it is not only the ex-fighting man who complains. This is what a leading London banker writes me—almost at the moment that gallant Jacky Fisher breathed his last:—

> As a business-man I wish to express my hearty approval of every word you write. . . . . Government control of every description should go without further delay, and excuses on the part of the bureaucrats, who naturally wish to keep their fat salaries, should not avail them. The *Times* published a letter from me on the 17th May, on the evils of food control in the case of dried fruits, and the result was that, after a feeble protest, the control is to be taken off on the 2nd August; and I venture to predict that, this winter, Greek currants and other dried fruits will not only be plentiful but moderate in price. I should like to see JOHN BULL assisting Lord Fisher in his campaign against our numerous highly-paid limpets in their various bureaux, and saying with Lord Fisher: "Sack the lot!" Mr. Chamberlain should certainly go, but not alone—he should be accompanied by every bureaucrat in every bureau created since 1914. They have served their purpose, and should now be thanked and sacked. That is the only way to make income balance expenditure.

The Nation's Burden.

But it is not alone the fighting man who is being disillusioned. The ordinary citizen is also finding out that the Elysium which was to follow the war is in truth a Fools' Paradise. He is being crushed out of existence. I am not one for quoting figures—they can be made to prove anything. But here are one or two items which cannot be distorted. We are paying seven times the amount of taxation which we did before the war, and almost everything is three times as dear. Let me give an illustration of how this comes about. Before the war, public education cost something under £20,000,000 a year. Last year the figure was £31,000,000; this year it is to be nearly £46,000,000—whilst in "a normal year"—that is to say, when things have finally settled down—the figure is to be £73,000,000! Here's another case: In 1913 agriculture cost us £264,000; this year the sum is £4,000,000! And the Munitions Department is still costing the taxpayer £27,000,000 a year! But the prize item, of course, is the Civil Service—£57,000,000 before the war, and nearly £500,000,000 to-day! And the Government urges us to practise economy! "Some" land—eh?—for heroes to live in! And are the relations between Capital and Labour much improved? Have strikes ceased to be? Are the workers putting out the best production possible? Are capitalists and labourers better friends? I regret to say that I find little evidence of it. At the moment both sides are in a condition of armed neutrality. True, saner counsels have recently prevailed, but we are very far away from the millennium stage. The class-hatred is still there—and in the House of Commons one fiscal nostrum after another (such, for example, as the ridiculous Excess Profits Duty) is put forward to placate the Extremists, and is hailed with fanatical glee by the Labour M.P.s as the quintessence of sapient statesmanship. You should have heard them shout for joy when a "Levy on Capital" was talked about! The result of all this is that at the present time Capital is shy of investment; no employer can tell from one week to another what the demands upon him will be, and consequently he is timid of entering into contracts.

Religious and Social Life.

Then in the religious and social world—have we progressed far since 1914? Every week I have to deal with cases of sectarian bigotry and persecution—of hatred, malice and all uncharitableness. I have recently pleaded for a union of all the Churches—for the establishment of a universal, all-embracing religion. Will it ever come? Can't it be arranged that each of us shall be free to choose his own path to Heaven, treating all the churches and chapels he encounters on the roadside as so many spiritual inns, where he may be sure of a warm welcome when he drops in to refresh his soul? And can't we get rid of the cant and convention of our social life and institutions? Not till we do will Britain be the land we are looking for—fit for heroes not only to live in, but fit, too, for them to have died for!

THE PEOPLE'S PULPIT.

The readers of "JOHN BULL" discuss matters of Public Interest.

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For short acknowledgments of other letters—selected from our general mail—see "Letter Bag," page 18.

Concerted Robbery.

Owing to shortage of fresh butcher meat caused by the grasping and greedy farmers withholding their stock for the purpose of getting enhanced prices for them when control came off, fish and eggs increased in price. When is this combination of robbery going to stop? Now that fresh butcher meat is up in price, owing to the attitude of the farmers, it ought to be allowed to hang in the shops and rot, and some of the farmers might be hung alongside the carcases of the cattle!—JOHN THOMSON, Balcarres Street, Morningside, Edinburgh.

Up to the Great Ladies.

During the war our great ladies worked hard and were so interested in our soldiers, even stopping up half the night with their cars waiting outside railway stations for trainfulls of wounded coming in. Now we read of them enjoying life to the full, and the talk about their dresses in the papers makes us sick. Why can't they interest themselves a bit longer in our poor fellows and their families? It would save a lot of suffering. It's still up to them to do so, and what they spend on one dress would keep two or three poor families for a month.—(MRS.) HONOR ASKEW, Ashton-on-Ribble, Preston.

Are We Up-To-Date?

How much longer is the United Kingdom going to waste millions transporting coal to some forty million individual householders, when far younger countries (where coal is even more difficult) are solving the problem by the supply of cheap electricity? In many of the South American Republics and also in Spain the use of electricity for heating and cooking as well as for lighting is enormous, and as a result the houses are much cleaner and healthier, towns are almost smokeless, and a considerable amount of labour is saved. When are we going to start here?—R. A. COBB, Conservative, Bexhill-on-Sea.

Pussyfootism?

With all the cry of Prohibition, Local Option, State Control and other proposals, regarding what the public drink, don't drink, or should drink, would that some M.P. introduce a Bill in Parliament prohibiting the distillers making spirits out of anything containing vegetable matter, or as is known in the trade Patent Still Spirits! Give us back the good old pure malt spirits, which would not only do good to those who drink them but would solve a good deal of the unemployment problem in rural Scotland, both directly and indirectly, in the trade.—THOMAS TAYLOR, Saltcoats Farm, Grangemouth.

Cornish Tin Mines Scandal.

The Government has arranged to double—with the taxpayers' money—every £1 subscribed to a Foreign Relief Fund; but they refuse to advance £200,000 to the Cornish tin mines to prevent these closing down, as they now must do. Already numbers of men have been discharged, and the output of tin will be stopped. During the war the mines carried on with old men and boy labour (for all the fit men went to fight), and handicapped by the low price of tin fixed by the authorities. Why can't the Government save Cornwall's chief industry? The taxpayers wouldn't object!—J. HENNESSEY, St. James Street, Penzance.

Five Guineas is paid to the writer of the most interesting letter. That amount has been sent to Mr. A. Burton.

The Old English Way.

It may interest readers of JOHN BULL to know that in 1348, when famine was rampant in England, prices of meat and provisions were hung up in every market place, and on every Church door in the country, with the death penalty for profiteering. The record of this I have in my possession.—J. H. READ, Trinity Road, Southall, Middlesex.

Children and Trades.

Now that children are to be at school until the age of sixteen years, learning a trade should be included in the education, say, from twelve years. Otherwise we shall have to keep them until twenty or twenty-one years of age, while they learn their trades. No working people can afford to support children until they are married, as most of them will be at that age.—(MRS.) SHILTON, Summerstown, Tooting.

Honouring Heroes' Memory.

On August 20, 1914, my brother "answered the call." He fought nobly and well until 1917, when he got his pass for the next world. We received particulars of how and where he died, and after a while we also got the following:—"If you desire a short inscription placing over your son's grave, the charge is 3½d. per letter." He willingly gave his life, leaving a wife and two children to the mercies of the world. Is not a hero worth about a dozen words in remembrance, without taxing the pockets of his relatives?—A. BURTON, Shepherdswell, Dover.

The Horses' Agony.

From your attitude with regard to pit ponies I venture to ask your aid *re* the poor horses who strain themselves badly in attempting to draw wicked weights over Tower Bridge approach. Since the war the gravel, once wont to be scattered, is conspicuous by its absence, and the only remedy the driver apparently knows is the use of the whip. Even the easier pull round by the Grammar School is either unknown or unheeded.—(Rev.) G. VALENTINE, Lower Road, Deptford. S.E.

Tuberculous Cattle.

Many thousands of pounds are spent annually by Government on Sanatoria, Health Visitors, and so on, to combat the scourge of tuberculosis in this country, yet no attempt is made to deal with one grave source of the disease. Visit any cattle market and you will see, brought in for sale, cattle that are living skeletons through tuberculosis. These animals, known as "screws" to the trade, are eagerly bought up by a certain class of dealers, usually for from £2 to £5, and are mostly killed for human food. The Veterinary Inspectors have no power to interfere, and so the game goes on.—T. J. W. FINCH, Southfield Road, Oxford.

The Railway Muddle.

During the war we were informed that railway fares would be advanced 50 per cent. merely to deter the public from travelling, as the railways were required for the transport of troops and munitions. That increase has not been taken off, and we are now told a further rise is inevitable to make the railways pay. Do they think this will induce the public to travel, or will the higher fares compensate for less travellers?—P. SMITH, Northfield Road, Coventry.

Work for Englishmen.

Again we smell the sweet scent of hay, and again we import Irishmen to produce the scent. It is remarkable that whilst there must be thousands of Englishmen still unemployed, we call on the Irishmen for the haymaking. Why does this state of affairs exist? Are Englishmen incapable of cutting the grass, gathering the hay, and drinking the beer—or do the much-discussed Labour Exchanges ignore this important class of work?—G. ATACK, Porter Street, Bury.

Cheap Admission to Britain.

An Englishman entering the United States after July the 1st will have to pay over £4 10s.—10 dollars, for the visé on his passport, and 8 dollars head tax. Germany at the present time charges anything from 30s. to £7 10s. for a visé on passports to enter that country. An alien coming to England only has 10s. to pay for the visé. Why this inequality? The exchange between America and England is already against us, and as America is about to increase the visé fee why should not England take a similar step, and, in addition, impose a head tax?—HENRY OSBORNE, Bridge Street, Wednesbury.

Employment Tribunals.

Expert opinion says a slump in trade is coming. Thousands of ex-Service men have been unemployed for many months. Unfortunately, someone has got to be on the surplus market a little longer. The question of the day should be—WHO? Ex-Service men have more right to be inside England's workshops than men who have not yet lost a day's work. Tribunals should be set up where necessary, to decide who should and should not tramp the streets until the nation gets back to normal times. Every case should be dealt with on its merits.—BERTRAND TURRALL (Ex-Service Men's Hon. Organiser), Longford Road, Coventry.

"For Sale."

In the advertisement columns of the Portsmouth *Evening News* of June 26th *seventy* vacant houses were advertised "for sale." This is a scandal, whilst hundreds in this town alone are seeking houses in vain. The new tenants' charter checks landlords from profiteering out of their occupied houses, but does not prevent them keeping their houses standing empty, so that they can sell them at an excessive price "for vacant possession." Owners should be compelled to let houses again as soon as they become vacant, *under the penalty of paying double rates* as long as they keep them standing empty.—(MRS.) E. K. PUTMAN, Teddington Road, Portsmouth.

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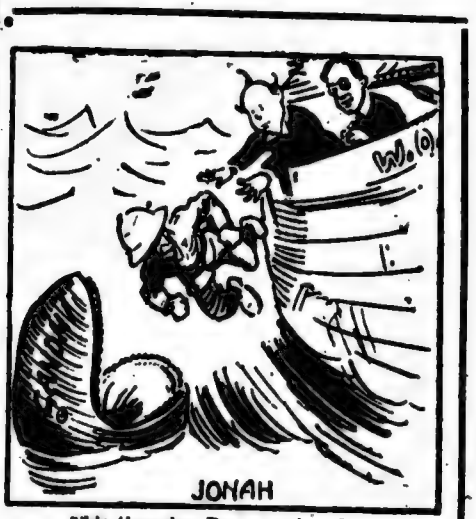

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In the Barber's Chair - - - - - - - Mr. Montagu

Goo' mornin', sir. Cool for the time o' year, aint it? . . . .*'Air cuttin'?* Cert'n'y. Yes, it's cool, right enough, speakin' general; but they've bin 'avin' it pretty warm in places. Wot about the 'Ouse o' Commons larst week w'en the General Dyer debate was on? Thet was pritty 'ot stuff w'ile it larsted, I reckon. Wot amuses me is to make a note o' the passion wot's displayed on all sides, and the number o' members wot spoke against the Guv'ment's treatment o' General Dyer, yet, w'en it come to the votin', the Guv'ment manages to git its majority.

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I ain't sayin' as them wot 'ad the most to say in the General's favour 'adn't got the courage o' their convictions w'en it come to the point o' votin'. They voted agin the Guv'ment all right. I'm thinkin' o' the scores of others wot followed the Guv'ment W'ip into the division lobby like sheep. I tell you wot most o' them was thinkin' about—not the breakin' of a fine ole soldier without a proper trial—not all the Guv'ment's playin' to the Injians in the gallery—they was thinkin' o' their *seats!* They was on thorns at the idea o' Parlyment bein' dissolved; for they know they don't stand an' earthly at the next General Election. It was the four 'undred a year, too, some 'ad in their minds, not the terrible position wot General Dyer found 'imself in, faced with another Injian mutiny. Look 'ere, sir, the 'ole thing 'as bin used by the agitaters for a sort of 'Ome Rule for Injia, an' General Dyer 'as bin made the scapegoat. We all know wot Mr. Montagu's own ideas are about Injian guv'ment. They ain't safe ones, to my mind. And now General Dyer 'as bin humileated in the 'Ouse o' Commons an' in the presence of Injian visitors, wot sort of effec' do you think thet is likely to 'ave in Injia? Orficers in command 'll be afraid to be firm, an' the Injian rioter will kick up 'is rows with impunity . . . . I tell you General Dyer 'as bin sacrificed to the Montagu clique. 'E might 'ave gone a bit too far in the shootin', but 'ow can *we* tell? We wasn't on the spot. 'E *was*—an' there was English wimmin to protect! . . . .*Frightfulness?* Wasn't the natives threatenin' to be frightful to the Europeans? 'Adn't bank managers bin murdered an' English wimmin insulted?

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It was to stop the rioters or rebels' frightfulness that General Dyer give the order to fire, and I reckon 'e did the trick! . . . . Oh, yes, I know you're Mister Montagu, an' I reckon you're about the most sloppy Secretary for Injia we've ever 'ad. A man in a job didn't ought to 'ave no perlitical fads about 'Ome Rule for Injia. You're 'Is Majesty's Secretary of State for Injia, not a perlitical propaganda—w'ich usually means a proper goose. Any'ow, I fancy I knows pritty well wot the general public thinks, spesh'ly the ex-Service man wot knows 'is Injia. General Dyer done *right*, in their opinion, an' so 'e did in mine. . . .

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Healthier Markets.

The revival in "gilt-edged" stocks is gratifying and indicates a much healthier condition of markets generally. It will therefore not be surprising to find it spreading to other sections, with the possible exception of Home Rails, which seem fated to be the "Aunt Sally" of the Government. Nobody likes Sir Eric Geddes' latest scheme and I shall be surprised if anything comes of it.

The Cause of the Revival.

Let it not be supposed that it is due to any return of confidence on the part of the public in the sincerity of the Government's desire for economy. In my view it means that the forced selling of gilt-edged and other first-class securities at the instigation of the banks who have been calling in loans, is now at an end, with the result that markets are much healthier than they have been for some time past. Some of the War Loans at present prices are indeed most attractive investments and I confidently look for higher prices.

Dear Borrowing.

For the third time in a few months New South Wales has appeared in the market as a borrower—this time for £2,500,000 in 6½ per cent. stock at par. That is the highest rate of interest offered by a Colonial Government for a great many years, and it rather upset the gilt-edged market as well as other borrowers who were contemplating trying their luck in Lombard Street. The loan is repayable at par in 1940, but the Government retains the right to redeem on or after August 1, 1930, on giving three months notice. Of course, the security is an excellent one, but New South Wales has perhaps borrowed more freely than the conditions altogether warrant, and the rate of interest is decidedly stiff.

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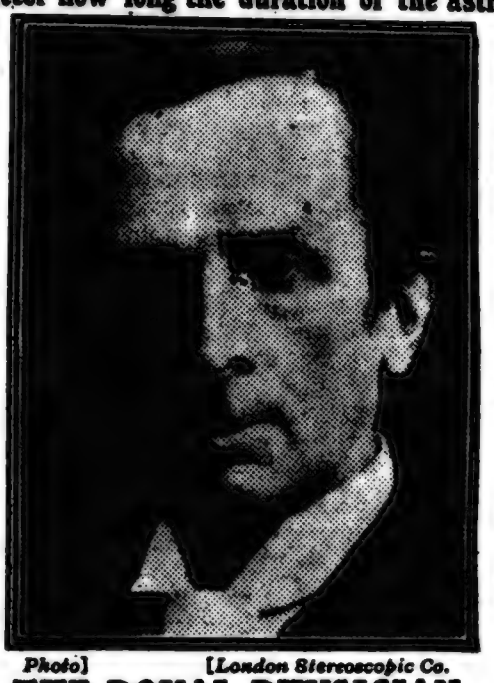

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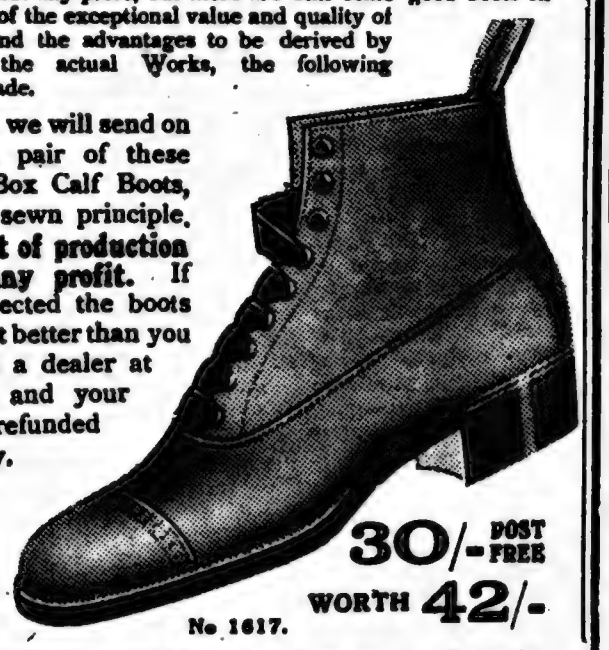

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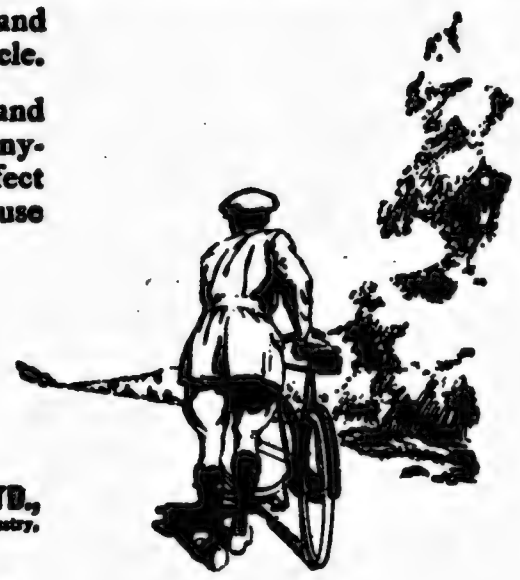

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"TOMMY."

The Black Sea Army:—Members of the Army of the Black Sea ask us why pressmen should say that they are having a good time. We don't know. They also hint that if casualty lists were issued the stories of the optimists would be blown sky high. We wonder if the said optimists are official or unofficial.

More from the East:—The last mail brought us many more letters from India and Burmah, complaining about the reduction in the soldiers' rates of pay out there. Men who drew £1 8s. weekly in England are receiving approximately £1 in the East, where the cost of living is none too cheap. Is the India Government hard up?

Their Own Good:—Many soldiers in Ireland feel aggrieved that they cannot get all-night passes, are not allowed to roam about as they like, and are compelled to be in quarters at an early hour. However, the country is practically in a state of war, and these stringent regulations have been framed to make the Sinn Feiners' bags as small as possible.

Flying Men's Moans:—We have looked closely into complaints sent to us by flying men in several camps, and regret to note that in the majority of cases the men themselves are at fault. Mechanics and others join from the Trade Union ranks and bring the worst features of unionism with them. They are soldiers now, and as such should unhesitatingly yield to discipline.

No More Polish:—The Army Council has forbidden the practice of polishing the pommels and crosspieces of sword bayonets and tips and pockets of sword bayonet scabbards. Good!

"JACK."

Overlooked?—The crew of H.M.S. *Vivien*, at the Port Edgar Destroyer Base, want to know when they will receive their prize money, other ships at the base having been served out with theirs.

Salvage Money:—The cash is now ready for the crew of H.M. tug *Foremost III.*, who salved the s.s. *Longnewton* on 16th April, 1918. We are glad to have the thanks of a large number of discharged sailors who only learn of their luck through the columns of JOHN BULL. Cheerio, Jack!

The Officers' Grouse:—A gratuity is offered to naval officers of certain ranks who wish to resign their commissions voluntarily. Some of them serving abroad grouse because, if they resign, they will have to pay their fare home and the passage out of those officers who relieve them. They wish the public to bear this burden—but our taxes are high enough already.

OUR DAILY "THANK YOU."

From H.S. ——; Brixton:—

Please accept my best thanks for yours received last evening. I wrote to you *re* my Army settlements on the 12th inst., and on the 17th duly received balance due to me. I wish I had written to JOHN BULL about it before. I know I am not the only Tommy who looks upon you as his best friend. Will you please put the enclosed small donation to your "Greatest of These" Fund? I only wish I could spare more.

"THE SILVER BADGERS."

Secretaries of Discharged Sailors' and Soldiers' organisations, in sending cases of injustice or other information, should mark their envelopes "Silver Badgers."

Bobby and Tommy:—The Royal Naval Torpedo Depot at Granton is to be evacuated in the near future, and the men are being paid off. There were five warders there—two ex-soldiers who fought in South Africa and in the late war, one ex-policeman, and two ex-police sergeants, who have fat pensions. The soldiers and policeman have been turned out, but the ex-police sergeants have been retained. This is not the kind of treatment that the King himself desires.

Favouring the Flappers:—Some time ago the Manager of the Employment Exchange in Wigan received instructions to dispense with all the male temporary clerks and retain the females. As a result, the males—who are all ex-Service men—were sent to the right-about. There is much room for cutting down in the Labour Exchanges; but this is the wrong way to go about it.

The Distressed Loyal Irish:—Another deputation of Irish Badgers crossed to London last week—this time to see Mr. Churchill with a view to having something done for the many thousands of ex-soldiers in Ireland who are boycotted and cannot obtain work. There is danger of the bulk of these fine fellows going over to the Sinn Feiners, who promise to help them as a reward.

Not Quite So Black:—In the published report of an inquest on a Lancashire Badger recently, it was stated that the man had received no money from the Ministry of Pensions for nine weeks. We are satisfied from official proof that this statement was inaccurate. As a matter of fact, a few hours before his death the man drew £1 4s. through the War Pensions Committee.

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Much Trouble:—Thrown out of work some weeks ago, a casual labourer was called upon to pay some back rent. The local provision dealer had also stopped his credit. His eldest child is blind and delicate, and his wife is a cripple, and unable to work.

Saved:—With three children a poor fellow has been ill in bed for some time, his wife earning with a hired sewing machine a trifle to keep the family of five. The youngsters are in rags. Payments were in arrears, and the machine was about to be taken away.

Another Trouble Coming:—An old man is at present bed-ridden, and has a wife and four young children, another being imminent. The only income is the man's Old Age pension and a small sum from the National Insurance.

Her Mate Gone:—After serving for over 25 years, a soldier died leaving a widow and a little child. The poor fellow's pension died with him.

Left Alone:—A woman lost her husband a few years ago, and her son was killed in the war. She received a pension for her boy, but it has been cut down, and when she applied to us she was in distress.

Under the Sword:—Unable to work regularly owing to recurring illness, an ex-Service man found it a terrible task to support a wife and four children, especially as the woman is in a delicate state of health. The family was threatened with eviction on one side, and with the seizure of the hired furniture on the other.

THE FUND'S DAY'S WORK.

HELP THE LITTLE WONDERING STRANGER.

This paragraph is written not to make a special appeal for any particular case, but to give a general idea of the daily applications made to us by those who are desperately distressed, and whom we help to the best of our ability, our readers sending us their kind subscriptions and JOHN BULL defraying all the cost of administration. The preceding column on this page shows that distress and poverty do not lessen the birth rate—quite the contrary. It is a commonplace that the rich—who have their year marked out into periods of dances, dinners, tennis, and all the rest of it—think it a nuisance to have large families; but with the poor it is otherwise. With them, children are as "the leaves of Vallombrosa." They come with regularity; they come when the family is down and out and there is no provision for the doctor, the nurse, the *etceteras*, including the necessary clothing for the little stranger who has come to visit this strange world of ours. Think of the anxiety and the misery of the parents. Ponder over it and you will not marvel at our S.O.S. signal for money and clothing to introduce hope into dark homes. There are those—most of them were never married—who by "letters to the Editor" and otherwise scream out to have the population increased. We wish that they could see our letters of appeal. If they did so, they would not write to Long Acre, but would sit in sackcloth and ashes and moan "*Mea culpa*." Think of the impoverished home, the unfortunate husband tramping around, vainly looking for work; the stricken mother-to-be listening for his footsteps at night so that she may learn his luck in his quest, and all the time wondering how the expenses will be met. Yes; our commonest case is that in which the husband is workless, the shadow of destitution is over the home, and the poor woman is "expecting" and worrying over how ends can be made to meet. Come along; help us to help the genuine distressed, the people who have a legitimate call upon us. You will have your reward.

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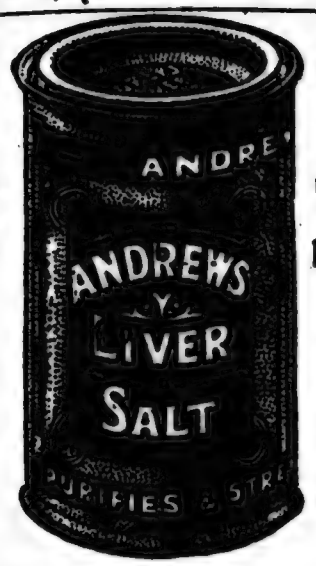

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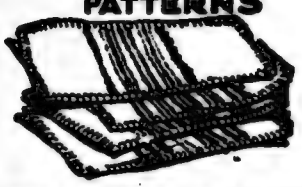

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"John Bull's" Letter Bag.

[The EDITOR replies to, and chats with, some of his numerous correspondents.]

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J. H. F. (Wimbledon).—In your opinion one member of the Government is a Fool, another a Liar or Idiot, and a third a Thief. We leave our readers to guess their names. There is no entrance fee and there are no prizes.

E. G. (Liverpool).—"Excuse me saying I quite agree with your leader of last week." Excuse you? Why, it's nuts to us!

J. W. (Wanstead).—And so another week has gone by and the Government has not yet gone out, despite your prophecy. Try again!

E. G. (Sinclair Road).—We can't tell you, but perhaps Eric can, why the Great Eastern steamers to the Hook leave at such inconvenient hours.

"ORCHARD STREET."—You are mistaken. We are champions of the Nation's Nurses, and support any scheme likely to assist them.

E. H. S. (East Ham).—When you refused a job at 30s. a week, and said you wanted a living wage, the agent (in the Strand) replied, "That's all we get from you ex-Service men." We are glad to hear he finds good men sticking out for a living wage.

H. C. S. (Winchcombe).—If we dealt with every case in which a local authority passed over ex-soldiers, we should have to double our size. The Winchcombe Rural District Council is on our black list.

F. Y. (Hereford).—Mrs. Lloyd George, the distillers, the brewers, and the publicans are making us all as teetotal as possible.

"VICAR" (Sprowston).—"I am afraid you have not been the great asset to the nation inside Parliament that you were when outside." We apologise.

"REGULAR" (Sheffield).—"Let's be having an Independent for Sheffield when the time comes, as I am sure he would have many backers." Wait and see!

"LOYAL SUBJECT" (Ireland).—There's only one consolation. When Ireland ceases to be mad she will commence to be sane.

"ANON" (Liverpool).—"P. S. N. C. steamer just arrived. Von Bissing on board, passenger from Valparaiso. Where is he going?" To the Devil.

Miss R. N. (High Barnet).—"What I wanted to do was to propose something to you." So long as you don't propose marriage.

D. R. (North Shields).—Our correspondence is so enormous that we could not acknowledge it all, even in the brief fashion you suggest.

L. R. W. (Brixton Hill).—Sorry that our Barber did not agree with *our* article on Mary Pickford, but we daren't quarrel with him, being too much in his hands!

"AN EX-SOLDIER" (Birmingham).—We do not sneer at the people of the United States for being a rather messy mixture of races, but mention the fact out of sympathy, and as an explanation of Yankee inconsistencies.

E. C. (Hammersmith).—Thanks for explaining how closely Sir Edward Carson escaped hanging. But that miss was as good as a mile, wasn't it?

J. E. D. (Sunderland).—Your complaint that at the recent by-election the poll-clerks were all men in good employment is a very natural one, seeing the number of ex-soldiers still without jobs.

PTE T. B. (Rhyl).—Can't say who holds the world's record for sword-swinging. Unk Sam is the world's champion at lead swinging.

M. R. W. (Bognor).—"I need not say I do not expect payment." You need not.

W. W. (Glasgow).—"Your leading articles are always very interesting and the Letter Bag the very soul of wit." We can put up with a lot of that sort of criticism.

L. R. V. (Balham).—"Can I do anything to restrain these robbers from fleecing other people?" Let's have their name and address and leave the rest to us.

F. T. (Bristol).—"A carnival comes off here in Bristol and I am going to dress myself up in some old JOHN BULLS." Mind the JOHN BULLS don't come off as well as the carnival.

"ANGLO SAXON" (Ouijaville, N.Y.).—"Along this line of unarrested ratiocinating it is revealed by the logic of events that some people's names are a seance in themselves." Sounds all right, but what the deuce does it mean?

Mrs. U. (Brimscombe).—Unfortunately your position is that of thousands of others. We have no means of getting rooms for you.

"READER" (Keighley).—Your late employer has done you a good turn by sacking you, has he? Then why do him a bad turn by slanging him?

H. B. S. (Toronto).—"We have a form of Prohibition in Canada which enables the rich man to have his cellars full of wine and beer, and the poor man to pay a fine of 200 dollars and costs for carrying about half a flask of whisky." Pussyfootism was ever thus.

K. L. (Kidderminster).—If you look into the middle of next week for something to worry about, you're likely to find it.

M. D. (S. Wales).—"Why are people who invest their savings in property spoken of and looked upon almost as thieves?" Can't say why they are, but if they are we hope not.

E. H. (Warnford Court).—The garage charges seem heavy and the methods peculiar, but we cannot pretend to be a fair judge in technical mechanical matters.

MRS. S. A. H. (Fortis Green).—"Whenever your bullet reaches its billet, Don't stuff the cash in your purse till you fill it; Send half along to the 'Greatest of These,' Your purse and your conscience together thus ease." That's the idea.

"SOLDIER'S WIFE" (Farnborough) resents civilians being employed at the Government Factory in Farnborough by favour of foremen, while ex-soldiers with families tramp the road.

D. P. (Blackheath).—At a Deptford picture palace the attendant said, "The manager does not like any persons to sit close to each other." We are afraid the attendance will drop off after this.

"DISGUSTED" (Horncliffe).—"Out of an estate of 3,260 acres they cannot spare 74 ft. by 24 ft. for a war memorial." There always were dogs in mangers, and some landowners perpetuate the breed.

L. B. (Walton).—"None know better than those who have been tried and tempted by the Devil, how hard it is to keep to the straight road." Yes, with all due respect to that gentleman, he is a bit hot.

"THE AUTHOR."—"Why were the Kings Cross? Because they couldn't Hew stone square." —— Boy, run and get us a lump of ice for our poor head.

"NEMO" (London, W.C.).—"Would that I could do as much good as *you* would if you could." We daresay you could do as much good as we could if you would.

"A SUSSEX MAN" (Seaford).—"I see there is a good bit put in JOHN BULL about West Dean Farm . . . The first thing look at the carters." When next we are at West Dean we'll give them such a look!

A. L. (Birmingham).—"Here I am writing to you once more. Isn't it funny?" Write to us again and it will be a perfect scream.

"AN INSIGNIFICANT MARY" (Surrey).—"Several photographers . . . . asked her to give them sittings . . . on account, they said, of her 'cupid's bow' mouth, graceful throat, etc., etc." What do the "etc., etc." embrace?

W. L. (Newcastle).—Very ingenious of the picture editor of our contemporary to use the same photo for Sourbier being led in at Longchamps and Happy Man being led in at Ascot. Probably he thinks the British racing public has a bad memory.

W. M. R. (Cheltenham).—You seem to have had a very pretty quarrel with the Meteorological Office. We are not poking our nose in, weather or not.

J. T. (Lincoln).—Unfortunately, mere opinions about Light do not bring the Bella Wright murder mystery any nearer solution.

"WORDS" (Newark).—Don't see much in your point. Surely the relations between any given man and woman may be independent and yet co-operative?

H. M. C. (Hove).—You don't suggest the Dean and Chapter are under obligation to let her remain in the house if she cannot pay her rent, do you?

"POT" (Eastleigh).—"I am the man you want. I have reached the height of madness." Wrong address. You're the man we don't want.

E. M. G. (Soldier in Hospital).—Your sentiments are ours.

"JAMES" (Musselburgh).—In "Bullets" Competition No. 886, the first prize of £1,000 was won by the sender of a free "Target" prize coupon.

G. E. (Hanwell).—"I can see my holidays being spent in Hanwell." So can we—or Colney Hatch—if you're not more careful.

G. (Llanvair).—"On a farm here, railwaymen and roadmen take work under prices, after their own has been done during the day." Then they are blacklegs, doubly dark ones.

S. (Newport, Mon.).—"Railway workers here are also employed by the cinema as attendants and scene-shifters, &c." More blacklegs of an extra sable hue, as denounced above.

W. P. (Lodsworth).—Having picked up an envelope full of money, "some one" claimed it, so you "gave it to him back," your reward being 6d., "and he is a well-to-do gentleman." The act was bad to do.

H. P. (Maidstone).—Disallowed 6 weeks' dole for "refusing" a job that was never offered you—"do we call it justice"? Stick "in-" in front of your finishing word.

A. A. F. (Govan).—So there's nae luck aboot the hoose since you parted with your child's caul to H.M.S. *Valiant*. Trust her gallant crew will pay you what it's worth.

M. F. (Perth).—"The assault (of the picture-house attendant) was so cowardly and so hurt my feelings that I waited for him after closing and challenged him to mortal combat." If he had not been a conscientious objector, it is evident somebody would have died.

(Many replies are unavoidably held over.)

THE HISTORY OF

THE "JOHN BULL" PEN.

See Page iii of Cover.

"JOHN BULL" Pen Coupon, Value 2d.

By sending this coupon with P.O. for 2/3, and 2d. stamps for postage, the holder is entitled to receive a "John Bull" Gold Nibbed Fountain Pen, STANDARD MODEL. Additional Coupons up to 6 from "John Bull," any dates, may be saved and used in part payment, each counting as 2d. off the price. Thus you may send 7 coupons and P.O. for 2/3 only, and 2d. stamps for postage.

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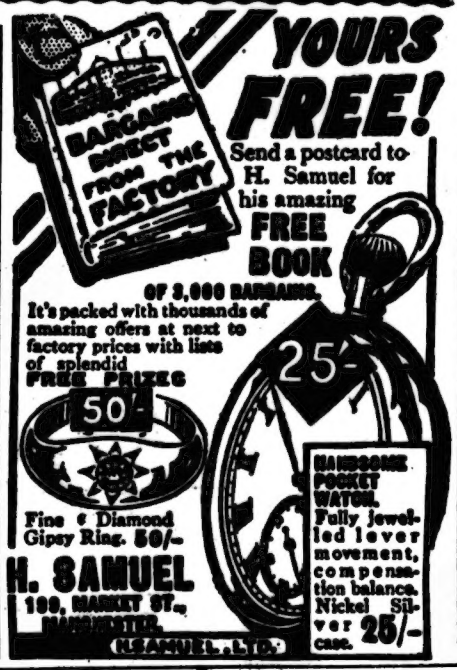
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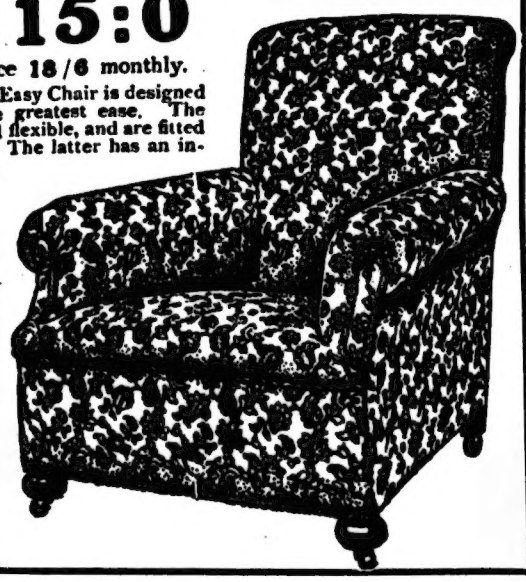

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HOW TO MAKE "BULLETS."

First choose any of the Thirty-two examples given below. Then give **TWO, THREE** or **FOUR** words having some bearing on the example chosen. Any **ONE** of the words selected must begin with any letter in the example chosen. The other words selected can begin with any letters in the alphabet. This example will guide you:—
Example:—FAIR FIGHT. Bullet:—FOR SEAT IN PARLIAMENT. Competitors may send in two BULLETS for sixpence. If more coupons are used, an entry fee at the rate of 6d. for each coupon must be sent. Result of this Competition will be found in our issue dated August 7th.

LIST OF EXAMPLES FOR "BULLETS" COMPETITION No. 382.

BOTTOMLEY'S CHAMPION	GOVERNMENT CONTROL	SIR ERIC GEDDES	GIVING POOR SATISFACTION
GETTING THINGS DONE	ON THE NOD	MUST GO	BACKING WRONG HORSE
BETTER ENGLAND	SEASIDE SWEETHEART	SHOWING OFF	TOMMY'S WELCOME
TOMMY BURNS	FOLLOW MY LEADER	WHAT TURKEY WANTS	HABIT THAT CLINGS
DOWN AND OUT	MARRIED	KHAKI SUITS	FATHER'S HOLIDAY
COMING ROUND	WITHOUT A GRUMBLE	CHANGING COLOUR	STILL WATERS
AMATEUR DETECTIVE	IDEAL WIFE	COOKING	AFTER A RISE
NOT POPULAR	STOPPING	GERMAN AGENTS	YOURS TRULY

No._____ Closing Date, Thursday, July 22nd.
Example_____
Bullet
Example_____
Bullet
(382) P.O. No._____ Signed_____
I agree to enter this Competition in accordance with the rules and conditions announced on this page. Address_____
If 1 coupon is used P.O. for 6d. must be sent.

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No._____ Closing Date, Thursday, July 22nd.
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(382) P.O. No._____ Signed_____
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If 2 coupons are used P.O. for 1/- must be sent.

Envelopes should be marked "Bullets", No. 382, "John Bull," Long Acre, London, W.C.2.

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(382) P.O. No._____ Signed_____
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If 3 coupons are used P.O. for 1/6 must be sent.

No._____ Closing Date, Thursday, July 22nd.
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Example_____
Bullet
(382) P.O. No._____ Signed_____
I agree to enter this Competition in accordance with the rules and conditions announced on this page. Address_____
If 4 coupons are used P.O. for 2/- must be sent.

Selection of Examples for "Bullets" Competition No. 383.

LOSING THE PEACE—LABOUR EXCHANGES—SEASIDE BOARDING-HOUSE—AFTER A KISS—FAIR LADY—SADDER AND WISER—RIGHT DRESS—LOVED AND LOST—THE GOODS—TRUE PATRIOT—FUNNY—HARDLY USED—WHEN WIFE STARTS—UNWISE—POOR SHOW—MOST DELIGHTFUL WHEN—FAMILY MAN—TIRED—MAKING HAY—ALL AT SEA.

These examples can be made use of on the coupons above and must reach us on or before **THURSDAY, July 29th.** All coupons used **MUST** be clearly marked with the number **383** in the top left-hand corner, and envelopes containing these coupons must be addressed "Bullets" No. **383**, "John Bull," Long Acre, London, W.C.2. Such coupons must [illegible] any of the Thirty-two examples for Competition **382.**

Result of 378th 'Bullets' Competition

FIRST PRIZE OF £1,000:
Mr. GEORGE JAMES,
17, St. Aldates, Oxford.
Example:—DEAR LOAF.
Bullet:—THROUGH "LETTING GRASS GROW."

SECOND PRIZE OF £100:
Miss MARY BARRINGTON,
188, Thornton Road, Moss Side, Manchester.
Example:—WHERE TO STOP.
Bullet:—AT "INCREASED PRODUCTION" MILKMAN

THIRD PRIZE OF £25:
Mr. FRANK MAYFIELD,
29, Allcroft Street, Mansfield-Woodhouse, Mansfield.
Example:—SHY MAIDEN.
Bullet:—SHE "MADE HIM THINK."

10 Holiday Prizes of £10 each:
MR. J. LEHRAIN, 6, Coleridge Avenue, Manor Park: DRY ROT—RELIGION—UNTIL TROUBLE COMES.
MR. A. PARSONS, Priesthills Road, Hinckley: HAPPY MAN—FOUND MISSUS "A WINNER."
MR. V. WAITE, 2, Browning Street, Salford: AN EASY TIME—GENERALLY "PAID FOR" AFTERWARDS.
MR. A. FOREMAN, 63, Hemstal Road, W. Hampstead: SILENT WOMAN—DOESN'T FOLLOW SHE'S CONVINCED.
MISS G. DOWNTON, 25, Clarendon Rd., Leytonstone: A GOOD TIP—LOSE THE NEXT WAR.
MISS I. M. BAIN, 68, Haugh Road, Inverness: TO-MORROW—WISH GOVERNMENT SAW FURTHER.
MR. E. ROBERTS, "Tynlon," Treborth, Bangor: NOT IN FASHION—DOING ANYTHING WITHOUT CONFERENCE.
MR. J. S. WHEATLEY, 24, Fairbridge Street, Middlesbrough: DONE BROWN—BOTH MARRIED FOR MONEY. (Sent in on a Free "Target" Prize Coupon).
MR. R. S. MCNAB, 22, Havelock Road, Gravesend: SEASIDE FLAPPERS—"AS SUPPLIED TO GOVERNMENT."
MR. J. C. BARRETT, 60, Ruskin Avenue, E.12. MAKING A FORTUNE—SELDOM THOSE EXPLAINING METHOD.

10 Holiday Prizes of £5 each:
MR. T. GOODWIN, 81, Rothesay Ave., Nottingham: WHERE TO STOP—AND THINK, BALLOT BOX.
MR C. G. APPLETON, 11, Duke St., Northampton: PERFECT LADY—MADE TOMMY FORGET WOUNDS. (Sent in on a Free "Target" Prize Coupon).
MR. A. WOOD, 760, New Hey Rd., Huddersfield: BOTTOMLEY'S AMBITION—WORLD SHORTAGE OF GERMANS.
MR. J. OSBORNE, 26, Belmont Rd., Harrogate: ON THE QUIET—WAR FINISHED UNFORTUNATELY.
MR. B. T. LUXTON, 166, Fore Street, Exeter: NOT IN FASHION—CHIVALRY, NOW SEXES EQUAL.
MR. B. W. LANDRY, 101, Union Street, Plymouth: AS YOU WERE—RUSSIA—ONLY SLAVERY WORSE.
MISS N. BROOK, 11, St. Paul's Rd., Withington, M.c.: UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT—SEASIDE FLAPPERS EVERY EVENING.
MR. R. H. WILLISON, 78, Wright Street, Coventry: THE WRONG MEDIUM—THE GOVERNMENT AS MIDDLEMEN.
MR. W. BOWYER, 58, Lothian Road, Brixton, S.W.: ON THE QUIET—OFFICIALS RECOMMEND ONE ANOTHER.
MR. A. W. IRONS, Sysonby House, Mount Avenue, Leicester: WHERE TO STOP—WAR—'IN THE AIR."

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Complete List of all Cash and other Prizewinners can be seen at the Offices of "John Bull."

BULLETS RULES.

1. The First Prize will be awarded for what, in the opinion of the Judges, in consultation with the Editor, is the best "Bullet" received, and the other prizes in order of merit, the test being cleverness, aptness and originality.
2. Bullets must be plainly written on one of the coupons, and only two attempts may be written on each coupon.
3. All four coupons may be used, but each coupon must be accompanied by a postal order for 6d. made payable to JOHN BULL and crossed _____ & Co. Competitors must write their names and addresses and the date of sending the order on the back of the postal order, the number of which must be duly noted on each coupon submitted. Coupons must not be mutilated.
4. All coupons arriving too late to be judged with absolute thoroughness will be duly returned.
5. The Editor undertakes that every Bullet received shall have careful consideration by a competent staff of qualified judges.
6. The Editor's decision on any matter of dispute arising in connection with this competition must be accepted as final and legally binding in all respects, and acceptance of this rule is an express condition of entry.

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We have made our insurance as simple and comprehensive as possible, and shall not bother about any "legal representative" or "next of kin." Claims will be paid to the registered reader, who must personally sign the coupon, or to the person nominated thereon, and to no one else.

A separate coupon must be filled up in respect to each person to be insured.

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The full conditions governing this scheme will be published from time to time.

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In case of Death directly due to Fire at Registered Reader's home	£200
For the Loss of Two Limbs or Both Eyes, or One Limb and One Eye	£200
For the Loss of One Limb or One Eye ..	£100
Medical Fees for Injuries not proving fatal but incapacitating the injured person from following his, or her, employment, up to ..	£10
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This Competition is run in conjunction with "The National News."

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RULES (which must be strictly adhered to).

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4. Any coupons received later than Monday, July 26th, will be disqualified.
5. The Editor's decision must be accepted as final and legally binding in all matters concerning this Competition, and acceptance of this rule is an express condition of entry.

Cut out Coupon neatly and address all Entries as follows: "Stewards' Cup Competition, JOHN BULL, 25, Floral Street, Covent Garden, London, W.C.2." Write "Racing" in the top left-hand corner of envelope.
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3rd .....

4th .....

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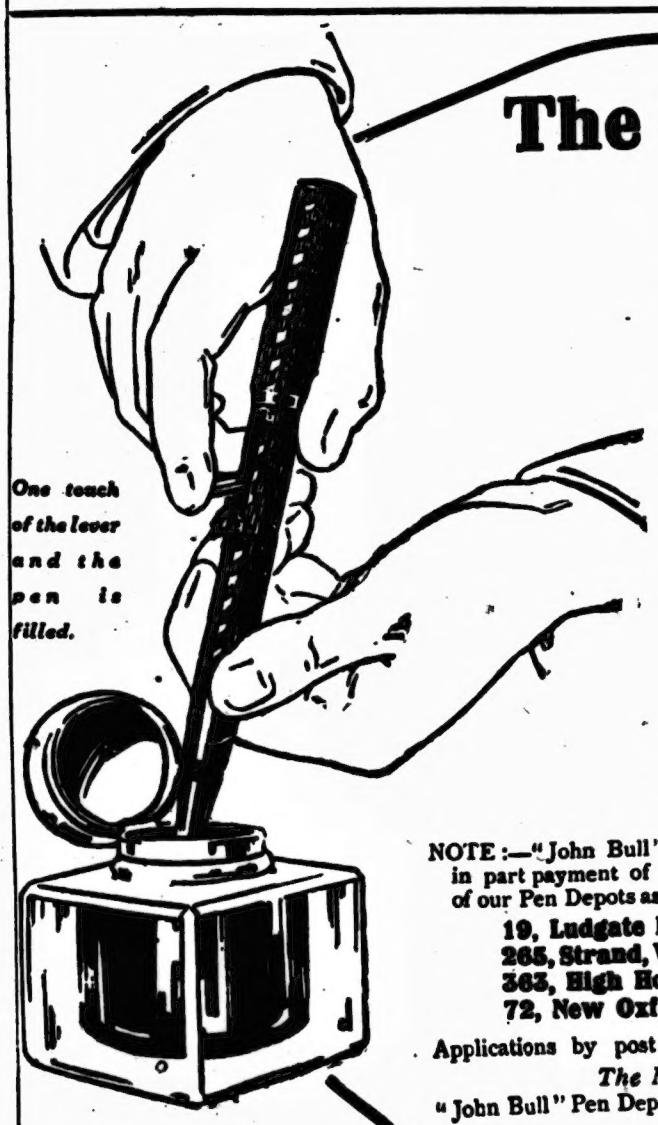

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